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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers. When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility.

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high school curriculum, a part-time job, a relationship with Gwen Stacy and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!

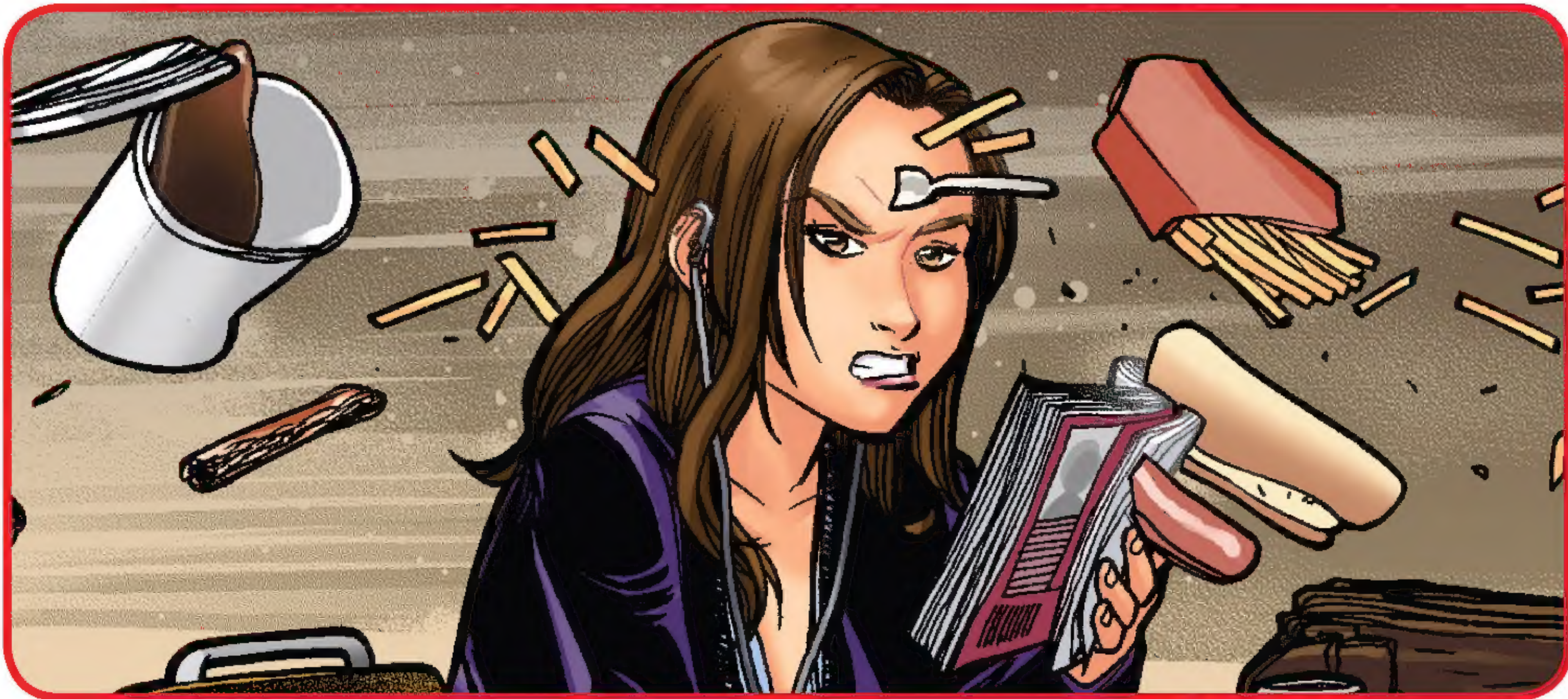


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Spider-Man is now living with Johnny Storm a.k.a. The Human Torch and Bobby Drake a.k.a. Iceman. Both are disguising themselves as his cousins and going to school like normal kids.

But his ex-girlfriend Kitty Pryde is struggling with her life as an “out-of-the-closet” mutant as the world deals with the aftermath of the mutant-related disasters of Ultimatum.

Meanwhile, Spider-Woman, Peter Parker’s female clone, is trying to make her way in the world on her own terms.



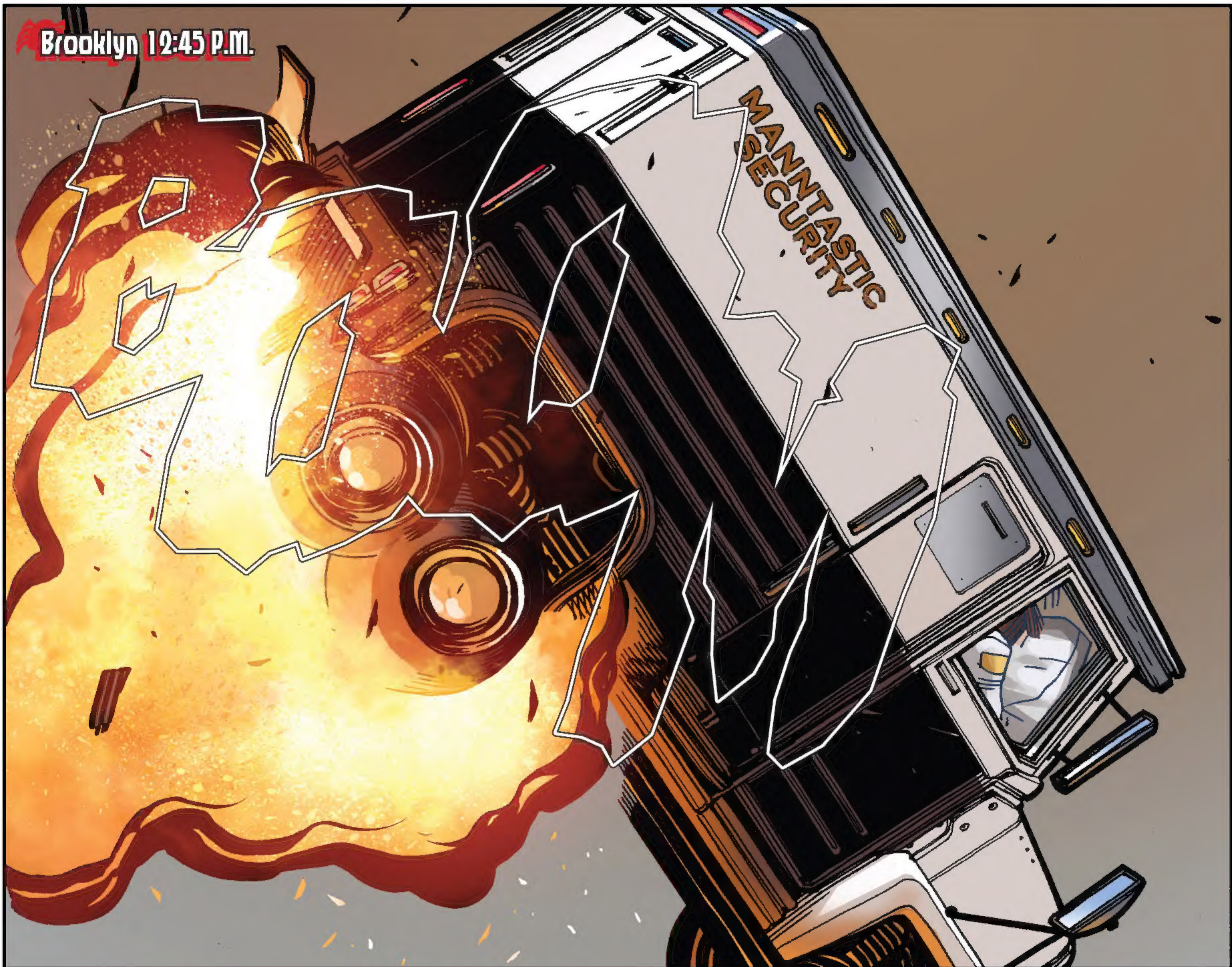
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Okay, Lana. Aim for the lock.

I know, mo-ther!



Grab what you can and let's go.

This is the big score.

Six bags full of nicely packaged money.

This is it??

There're only six bags.



No sirens, Mom. And no Spider-Man.

You know what, Kid? I think we finally got our big--

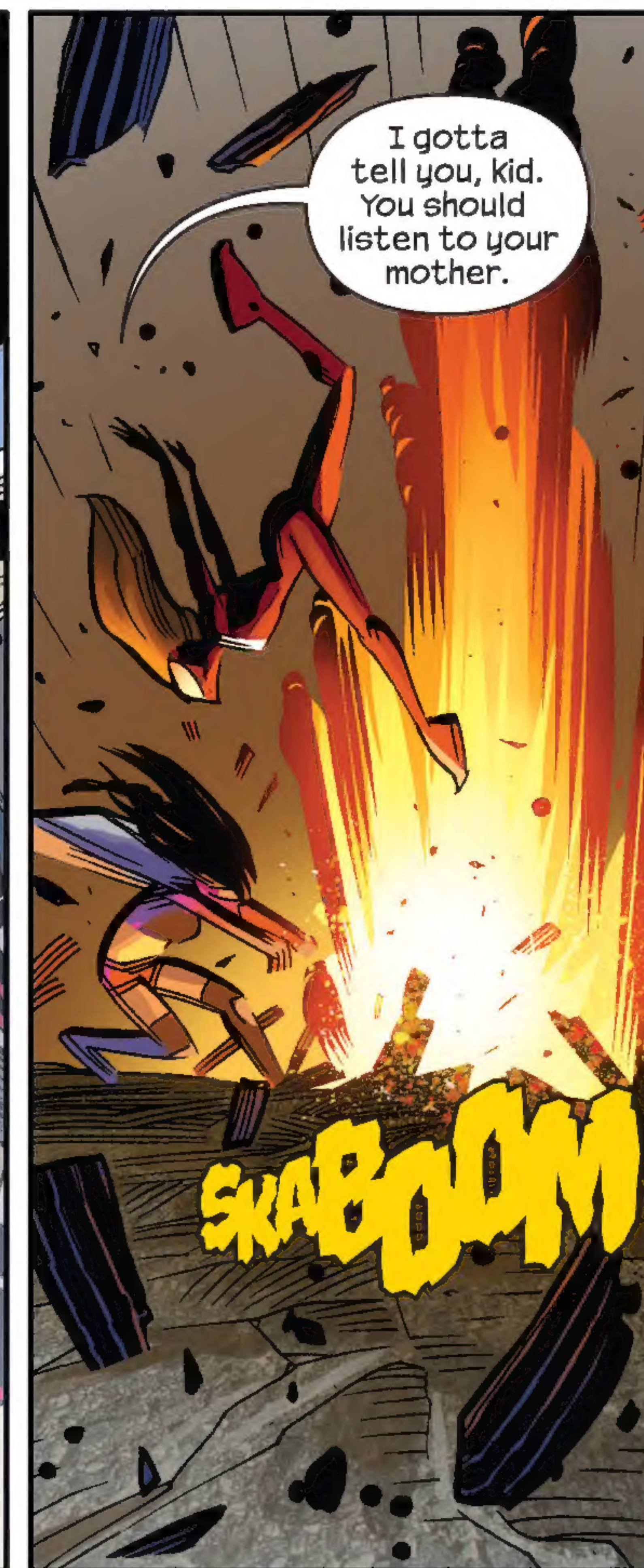
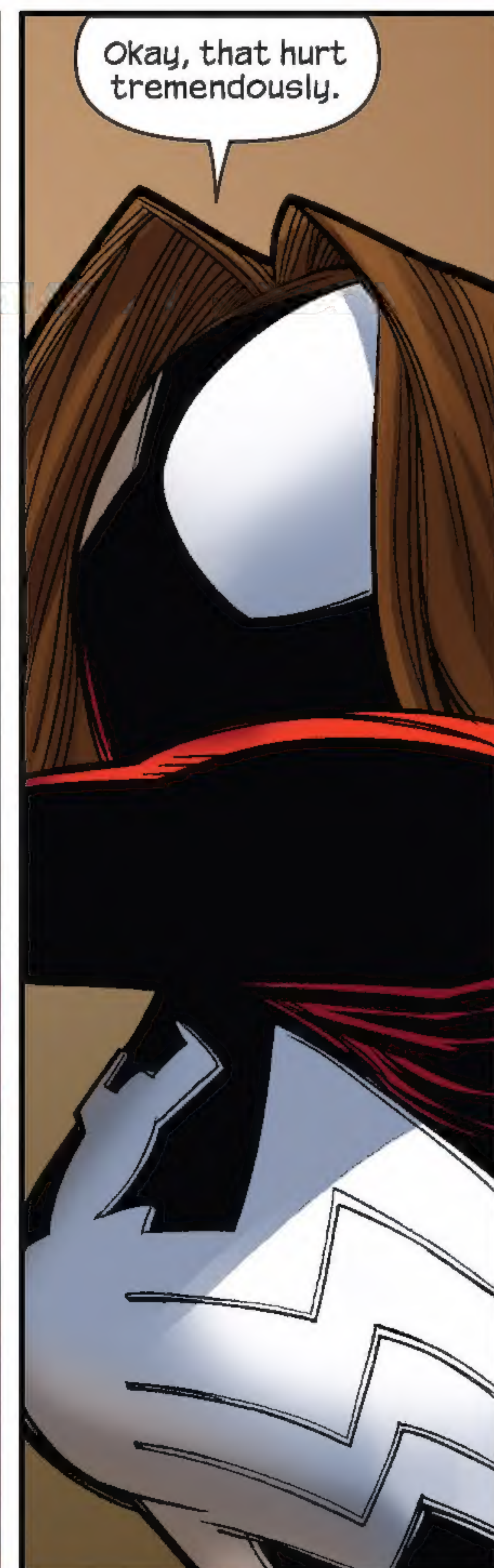
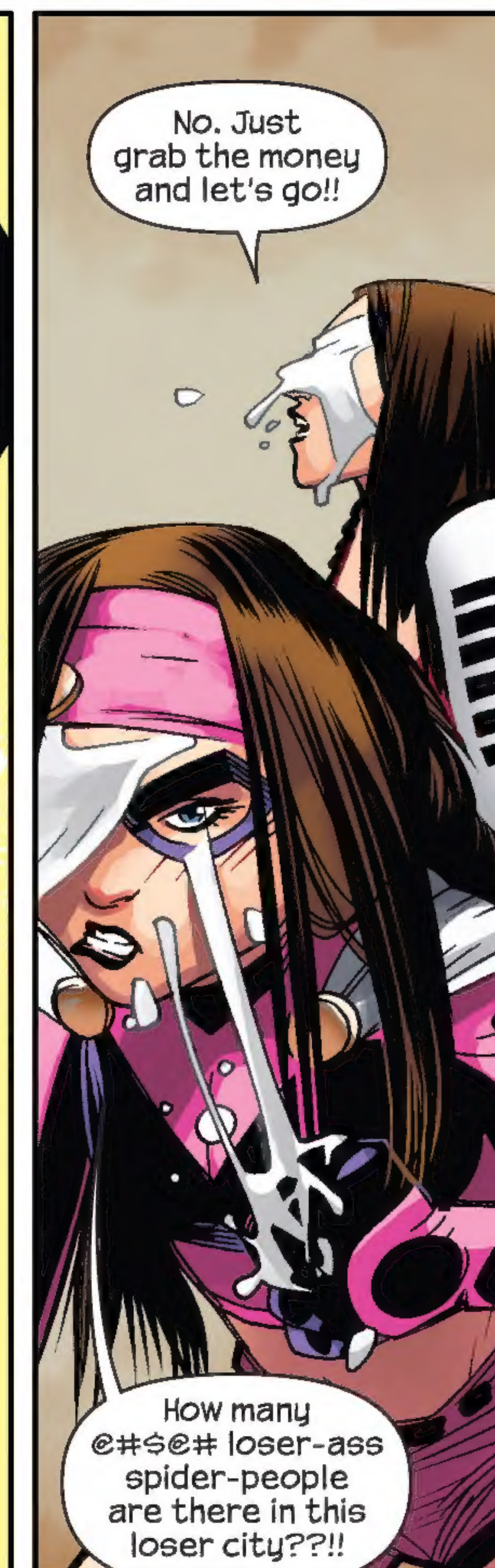
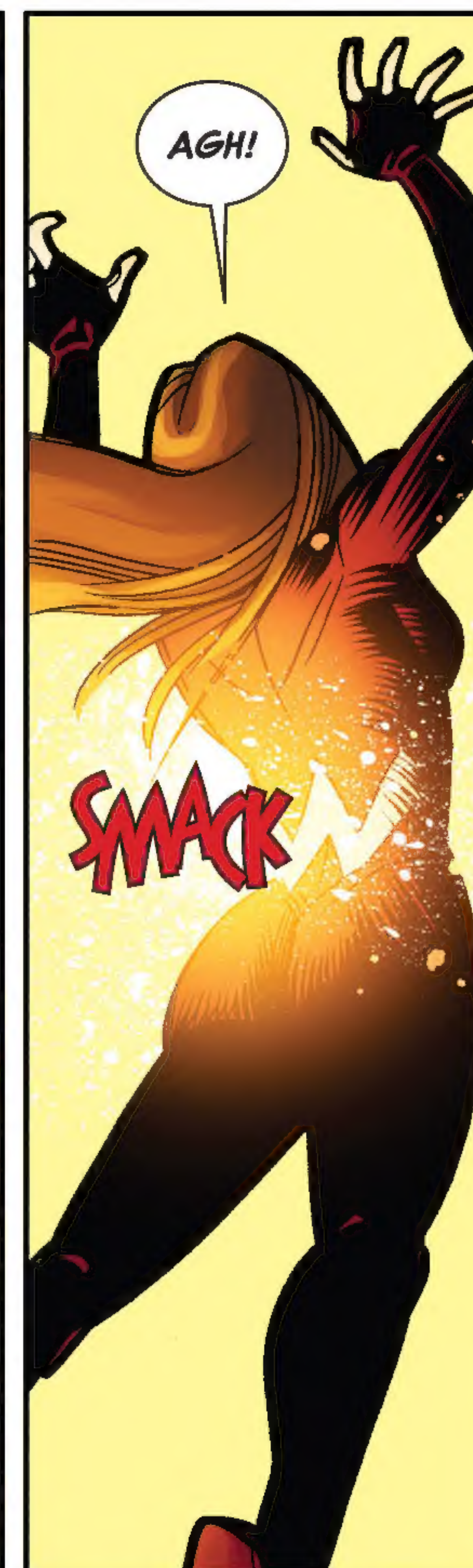


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Ladies,
ladies,
ladies...

There's
no need to
fight.

There's
so much of
the Human
Torch to go
around.



Okay
that one-liner
sucked...there's
no need to--

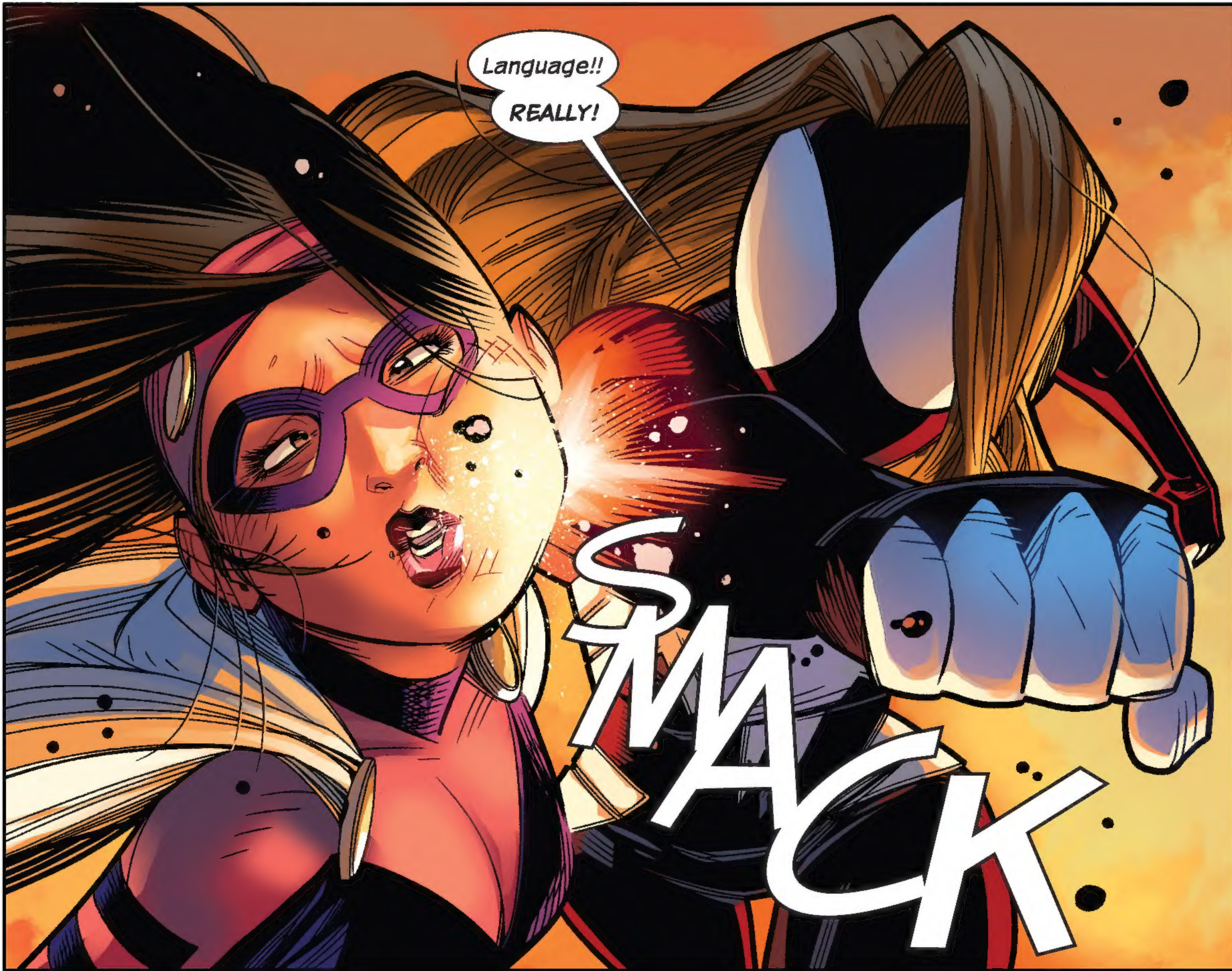
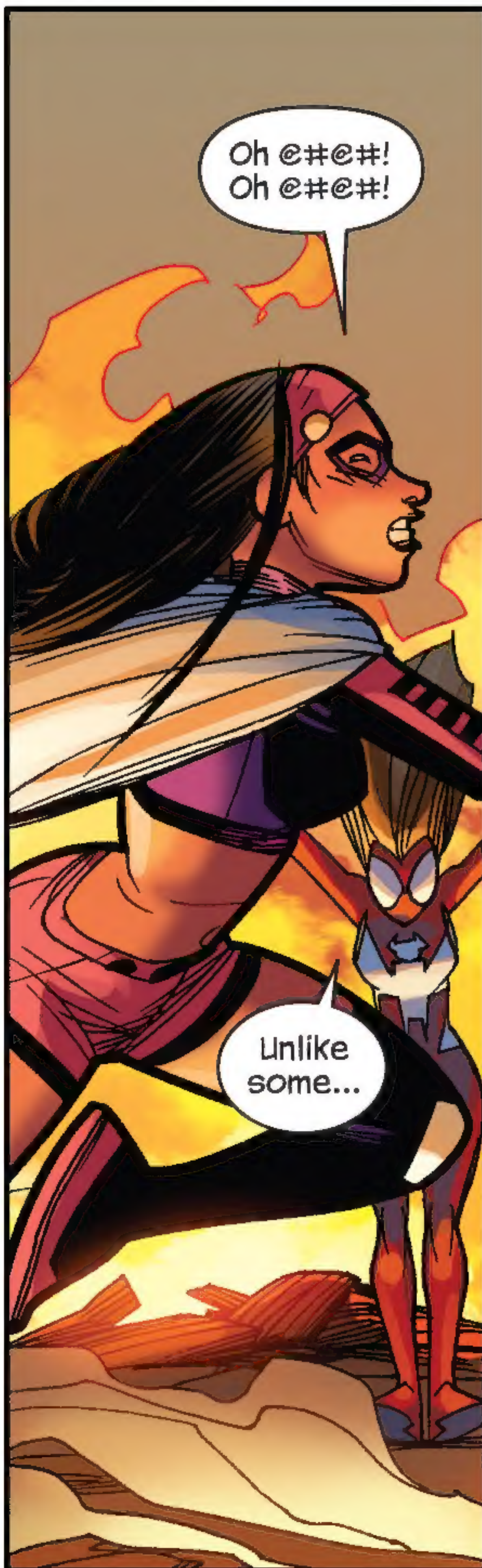


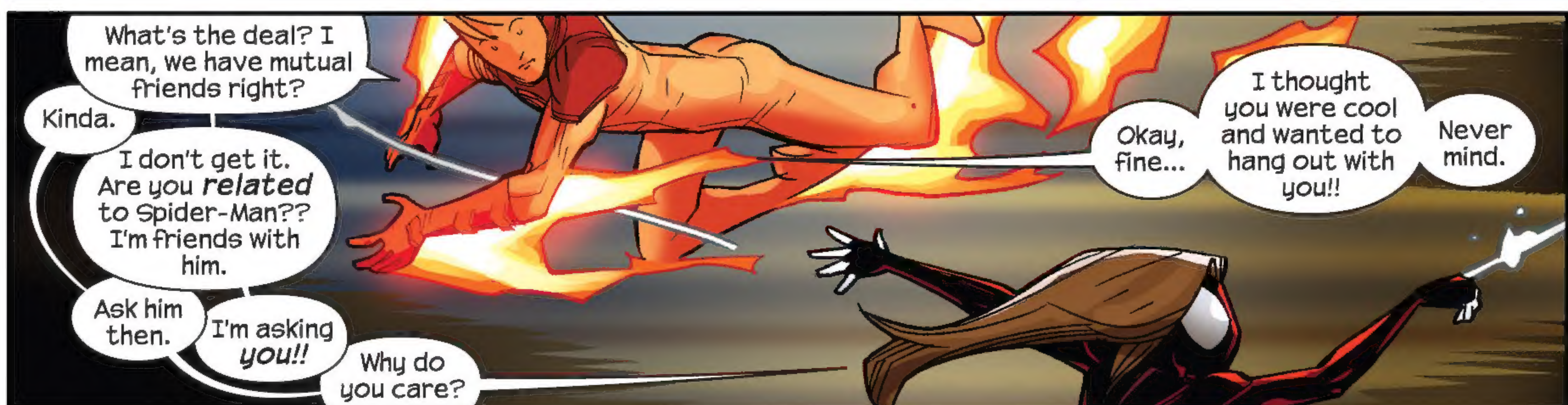
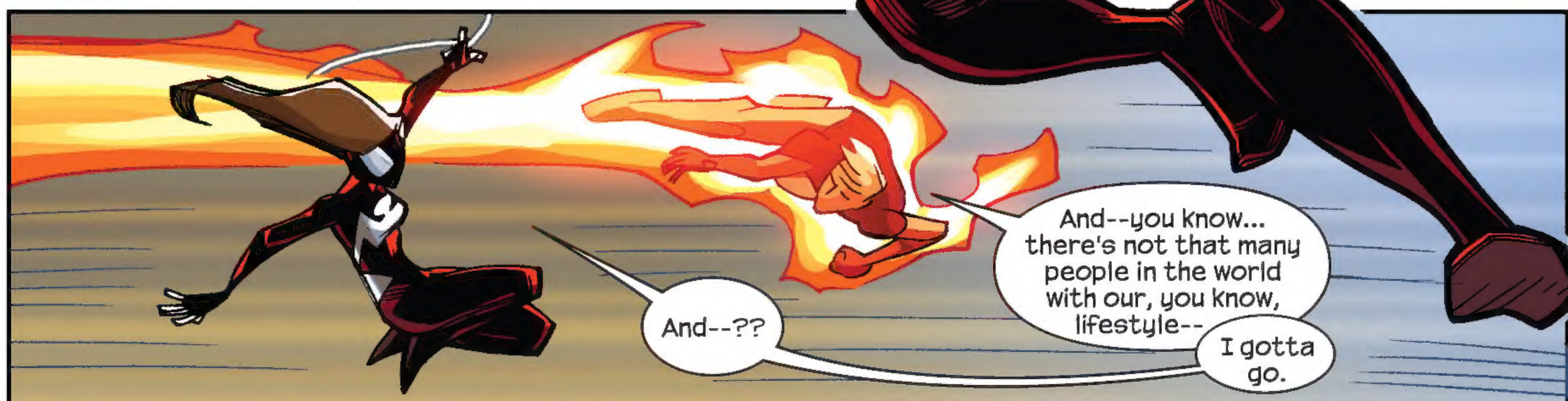
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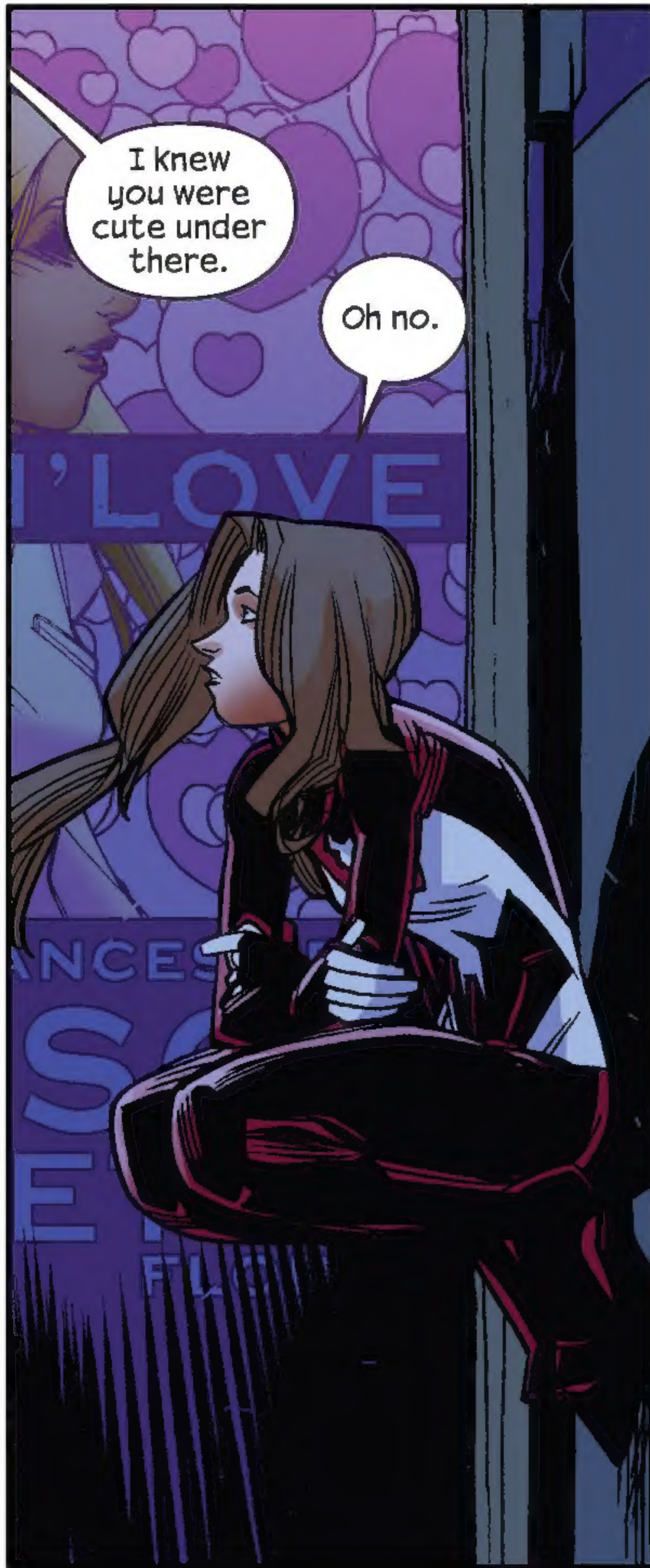
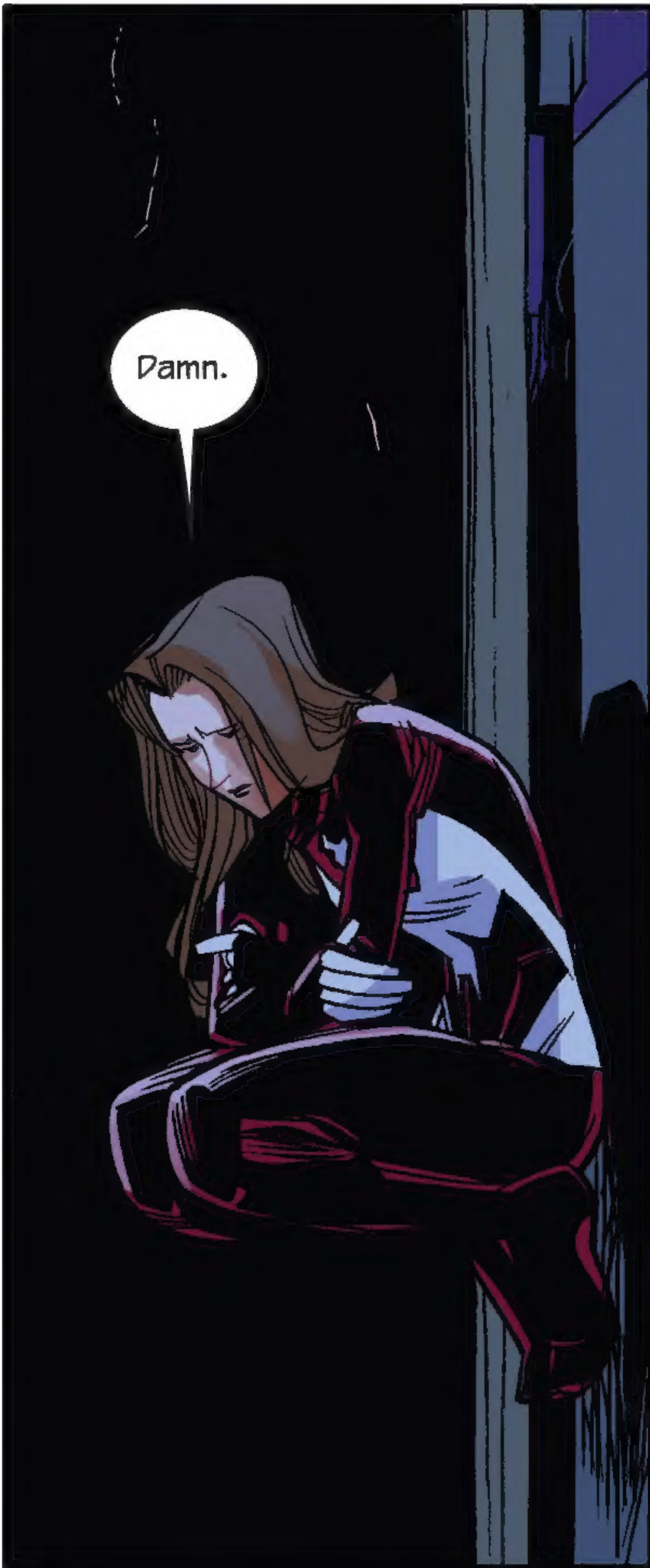
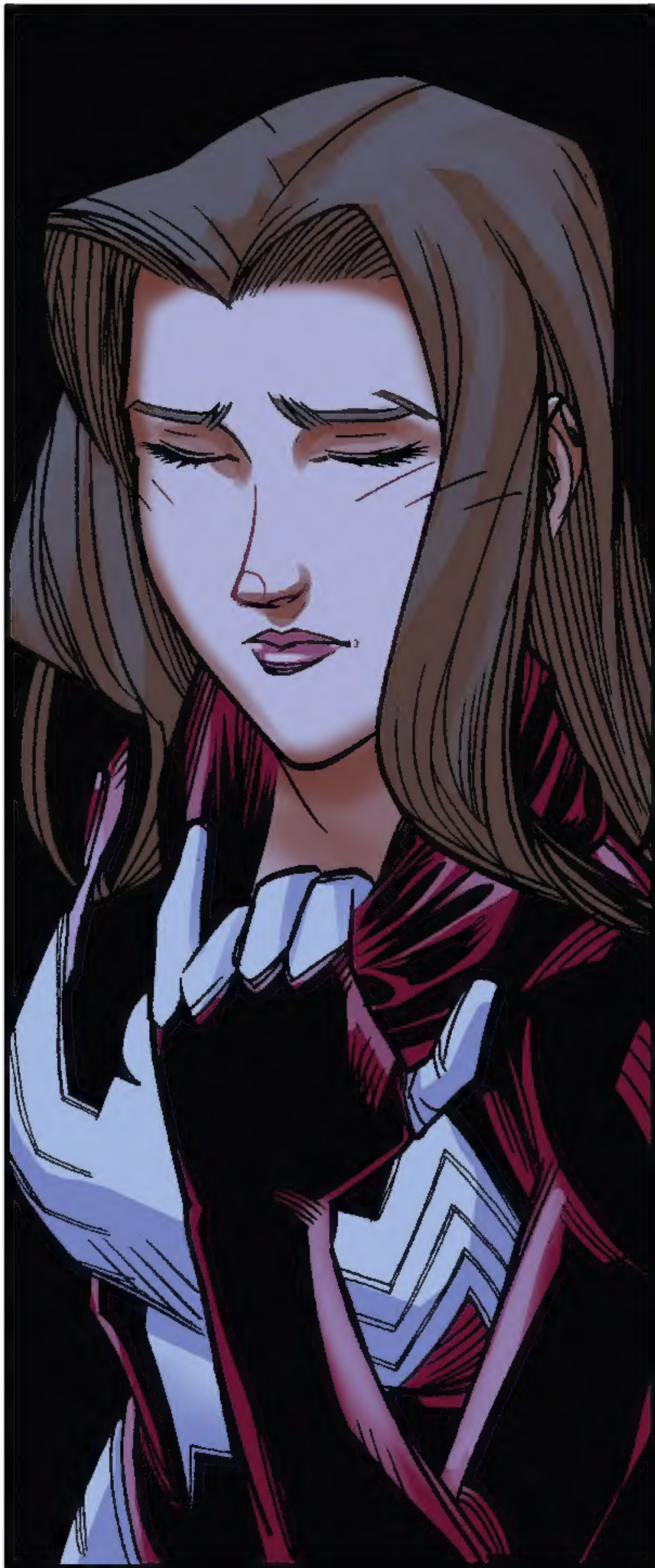
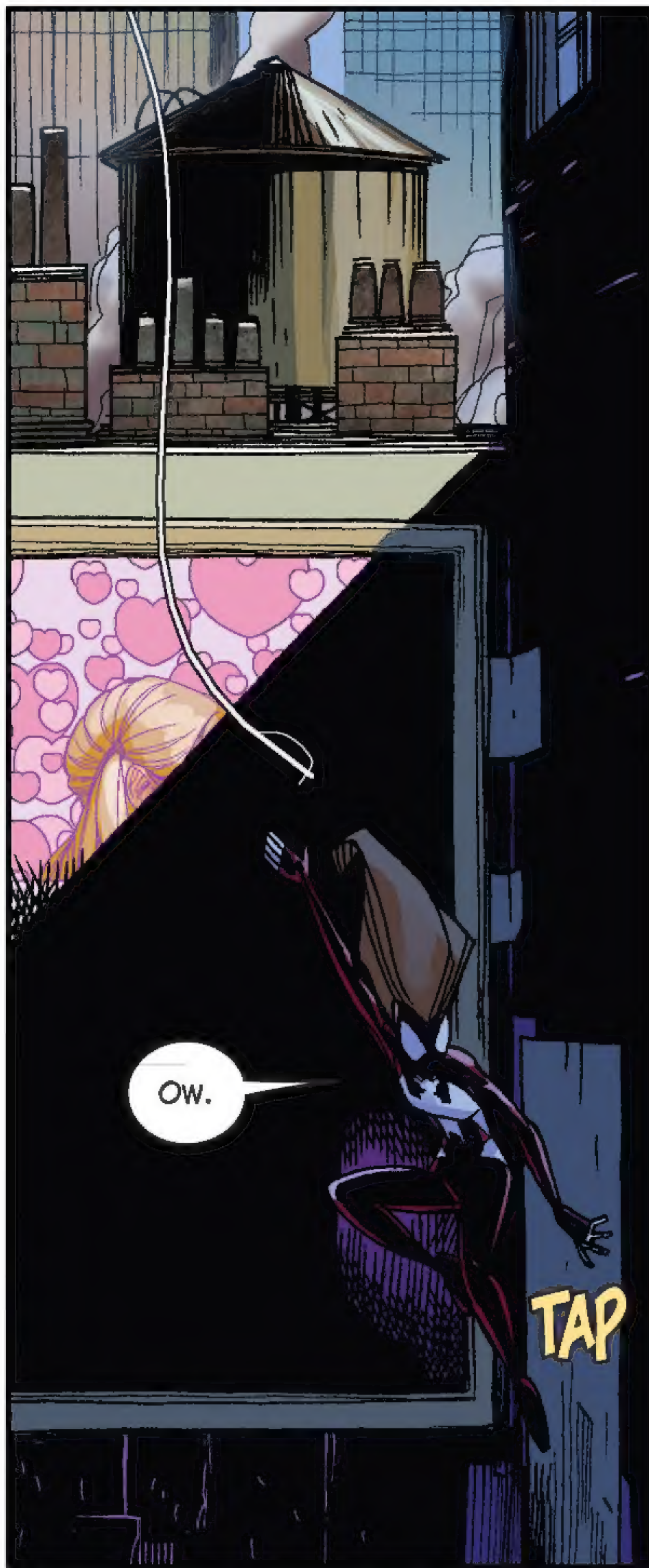
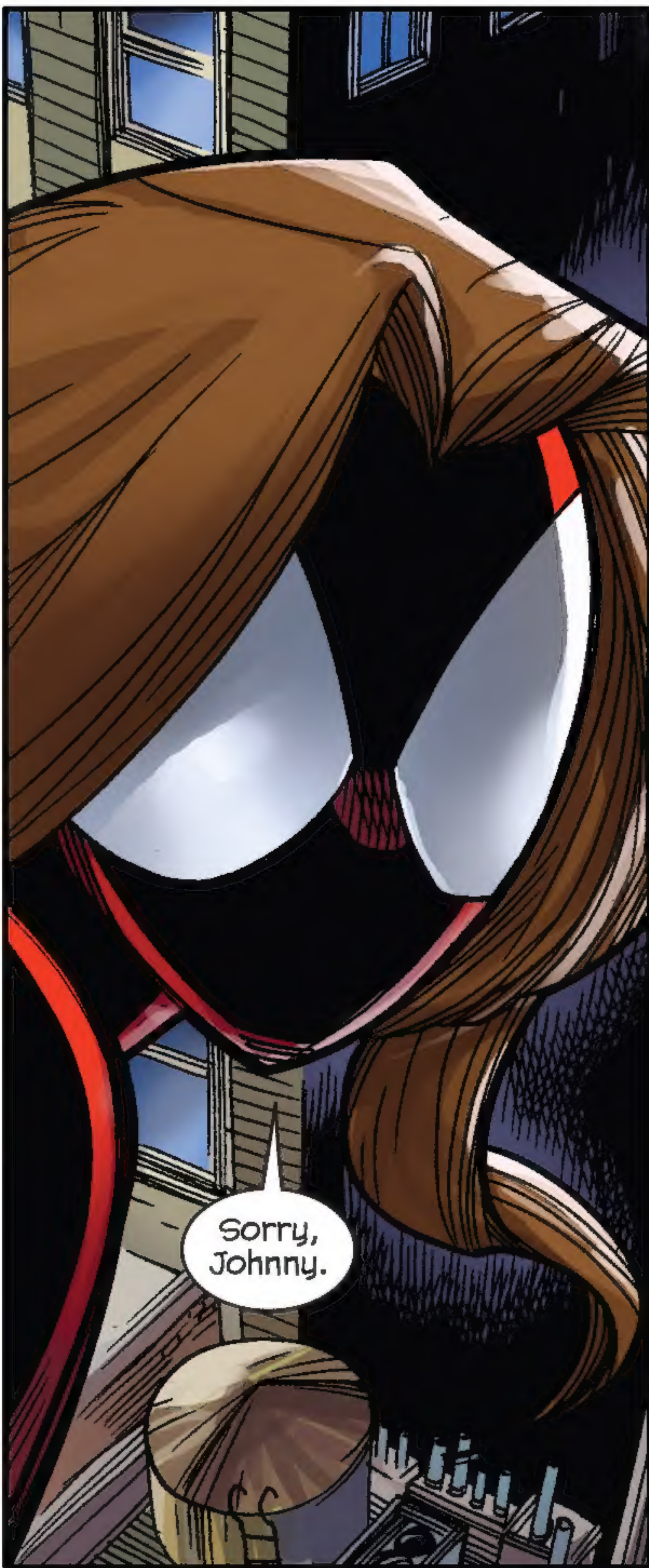
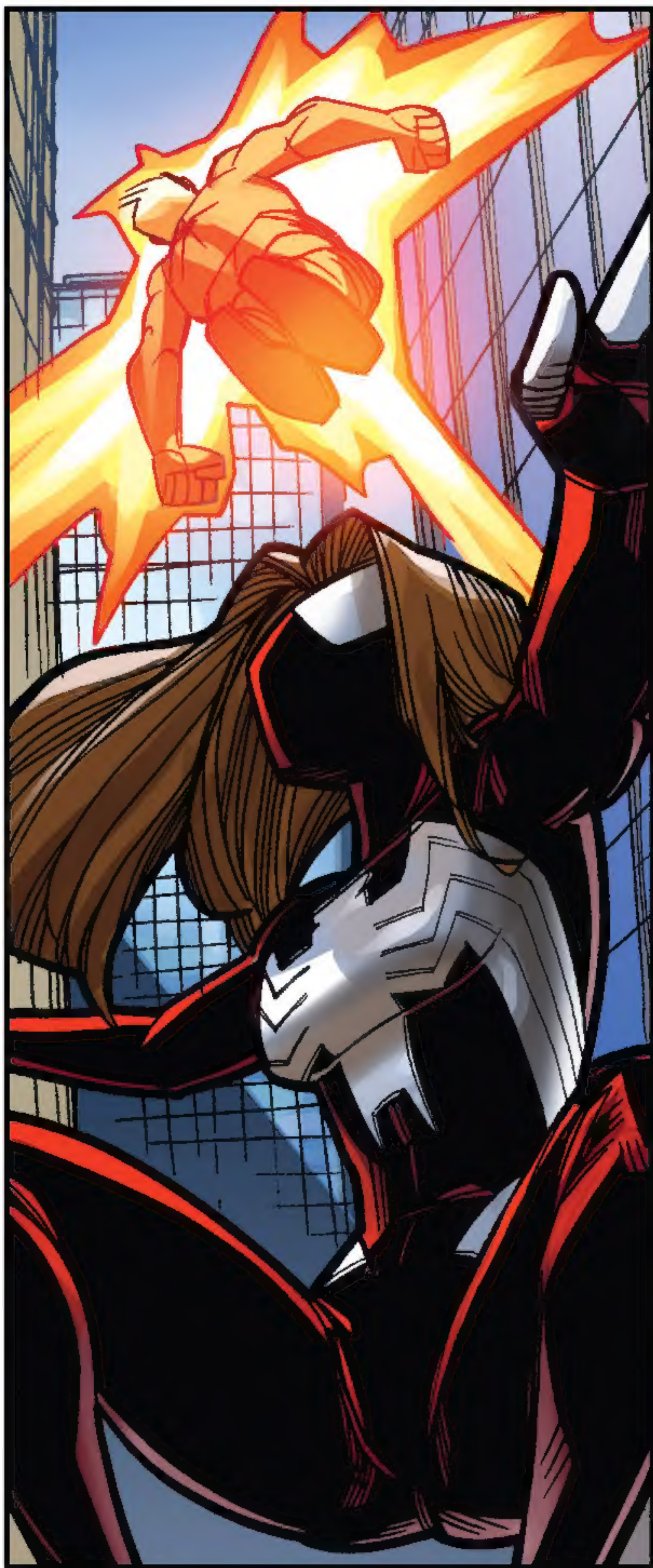
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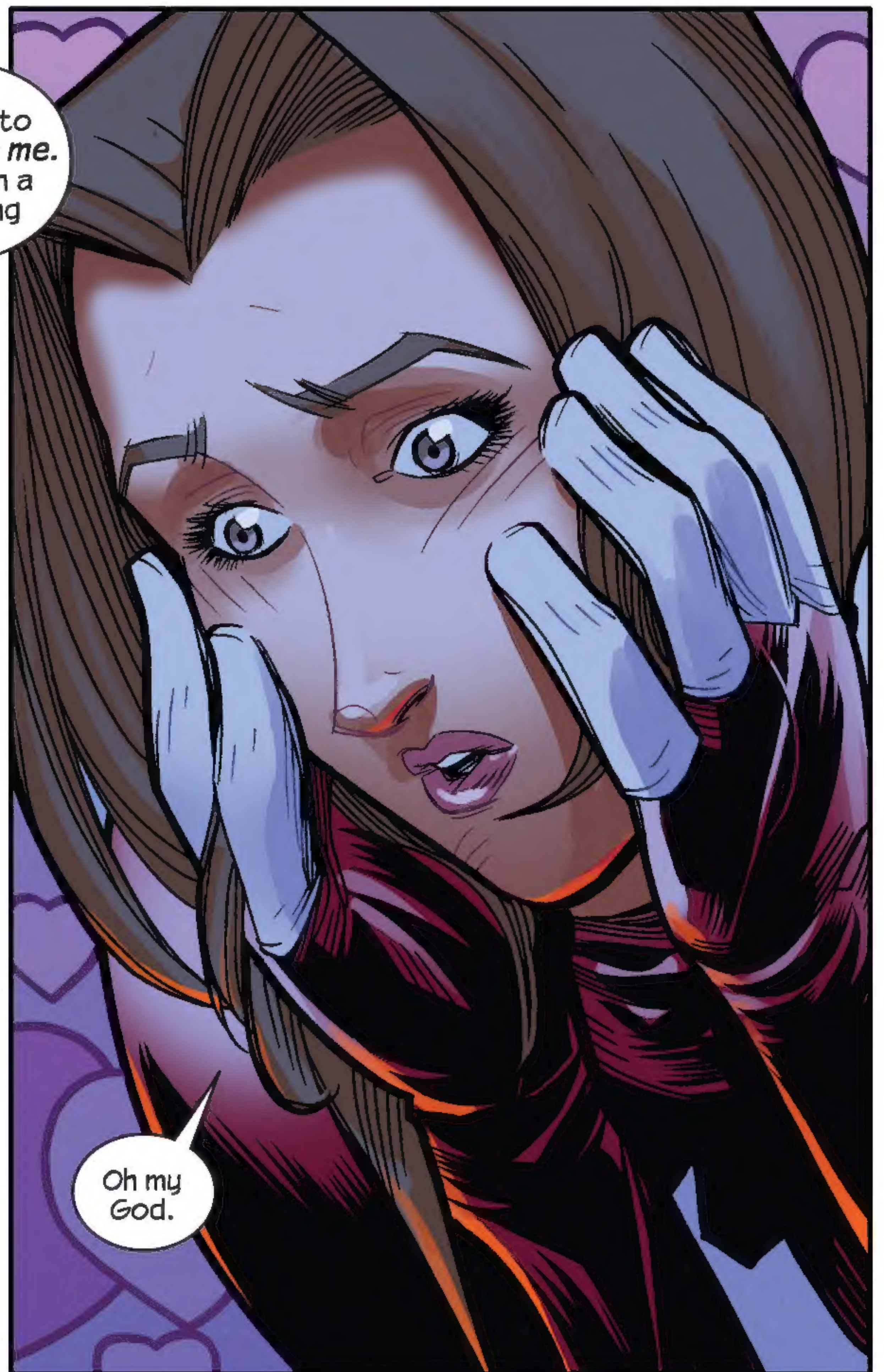


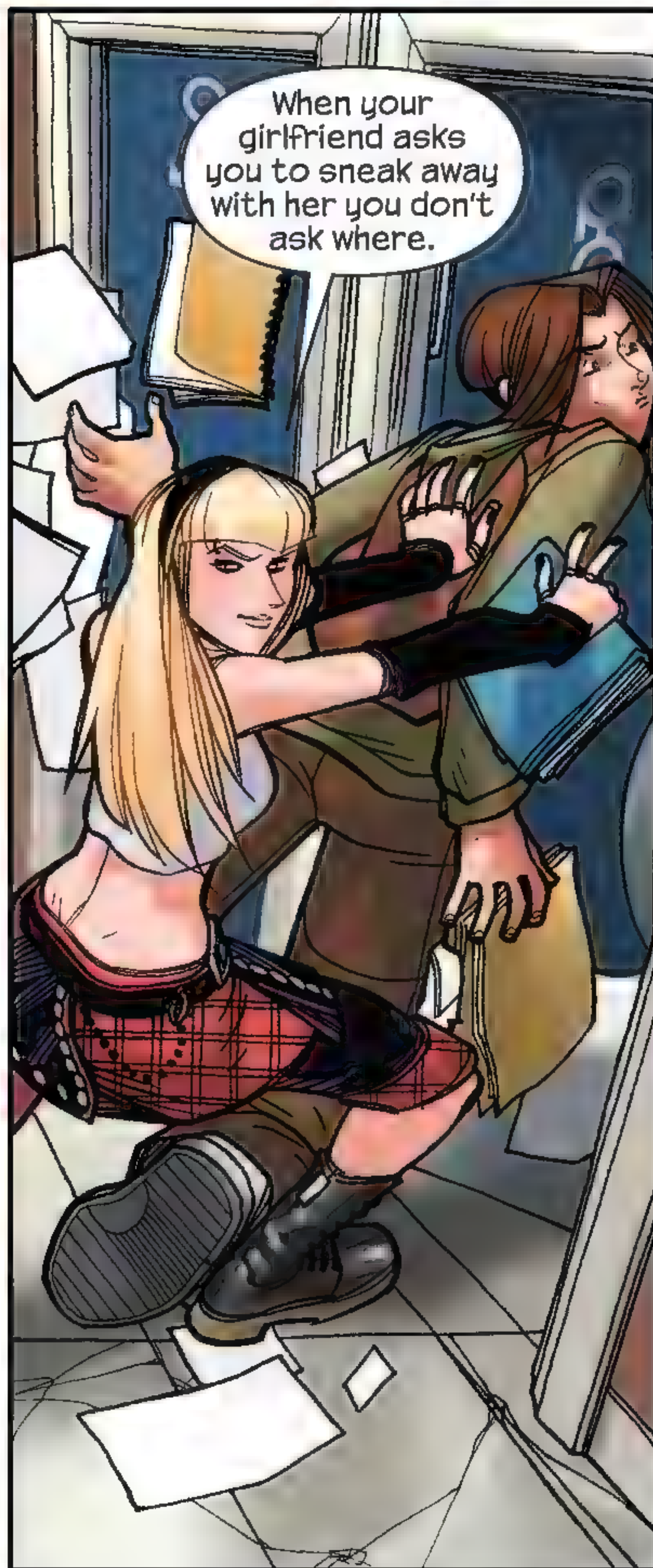
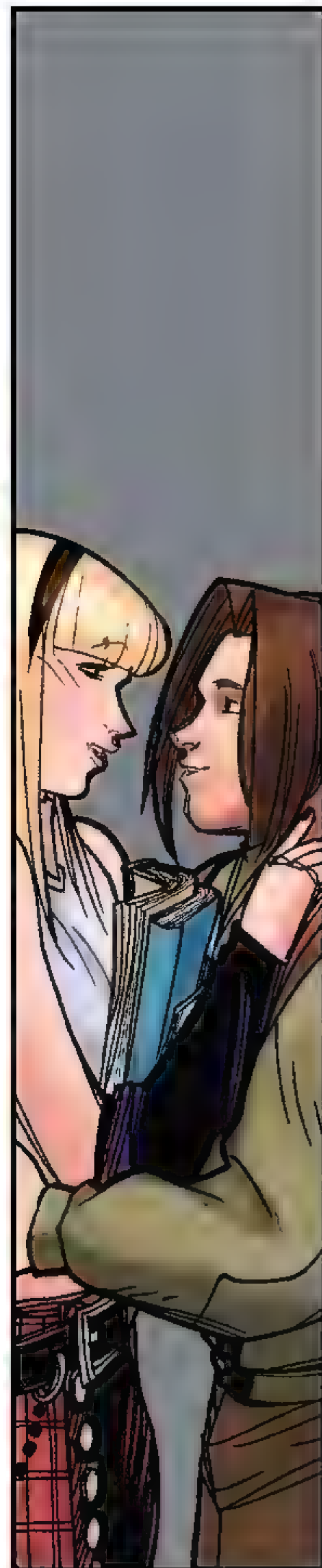
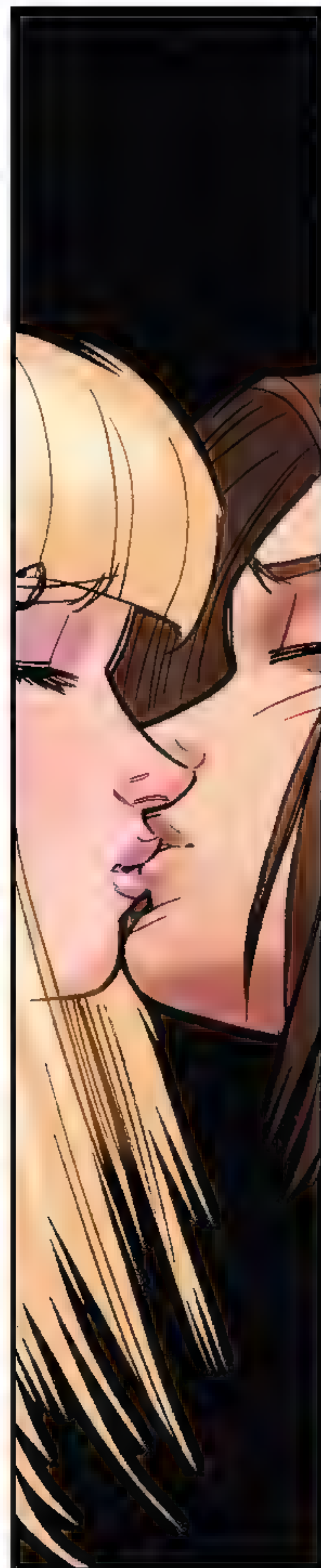
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you kept it
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PG.









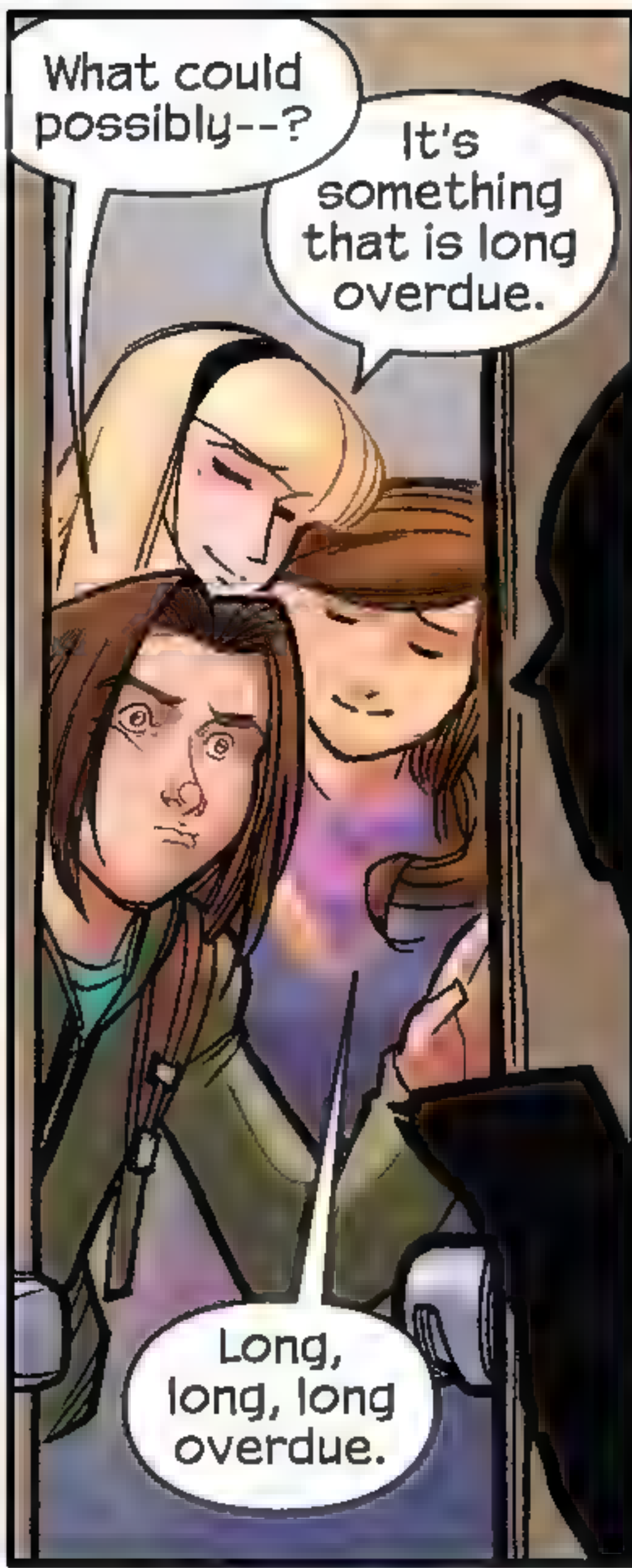




Kitty?

Mister Parker.

If you please...



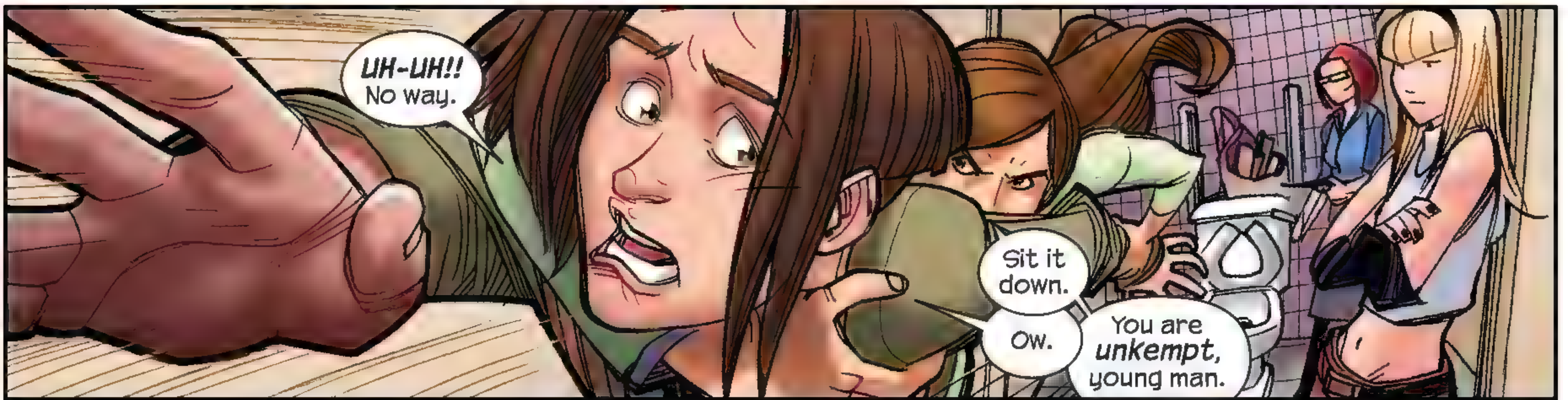
What could possibly--?

It's something that is long overdue.

Long, long, long overdue.



You're getting a haircut, Peter Parker.

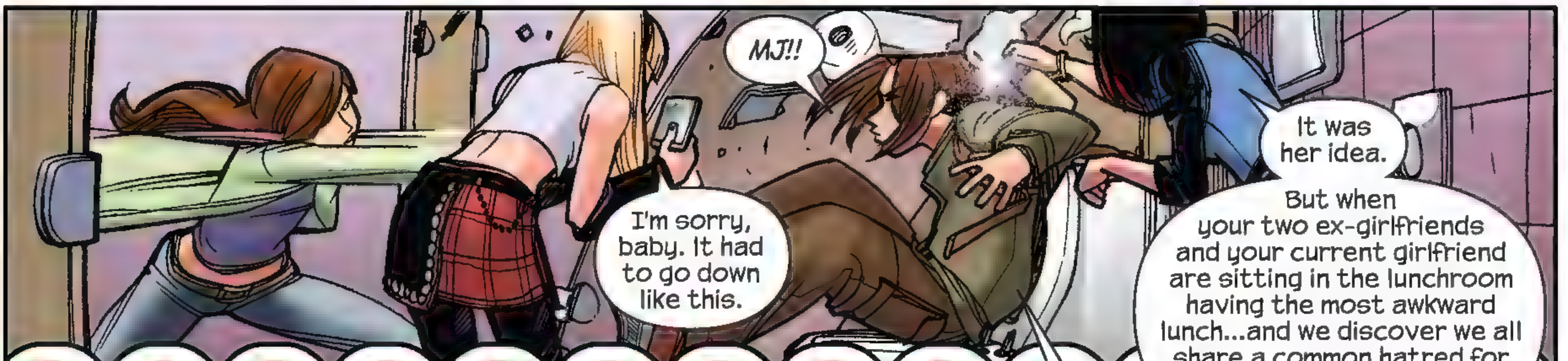


UH-UH!! No way.

Sit it down.

Ow.

You are unkempt, young man.



MJ!!

I'm sorry, baby. It had to go down like this.

It was her idea.

But when your two ex-girlfriends and your current girlfriend are sitting in the lunchroom having the most awkward lunch...and we discover we all share a common hatred for your hair...well, you only have *yourself* to blame.

You *all* hate my hair?

Sweetie, look at you in the mask. Look at the masked you...your hair is so big your head looks perfectly round.

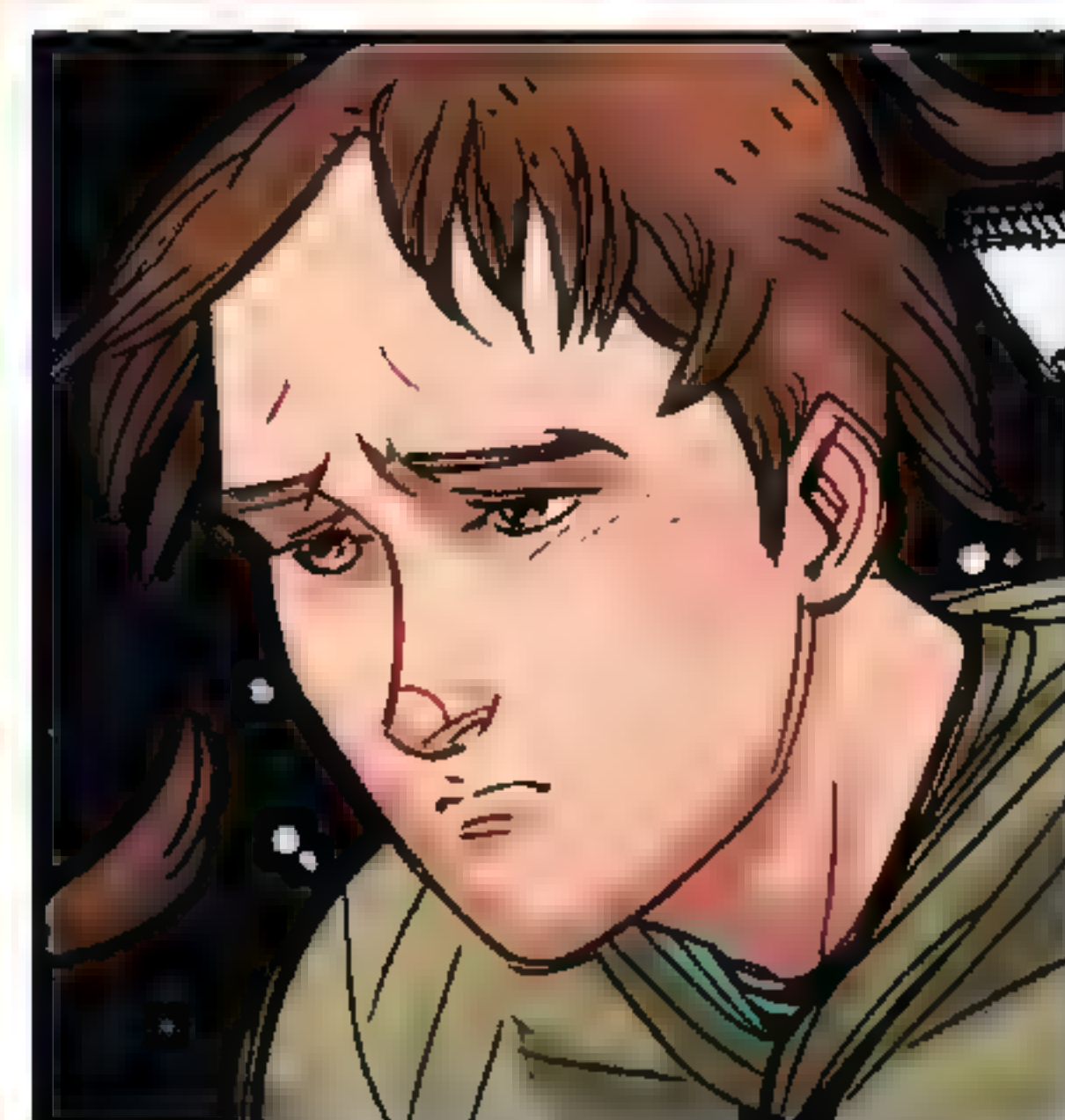
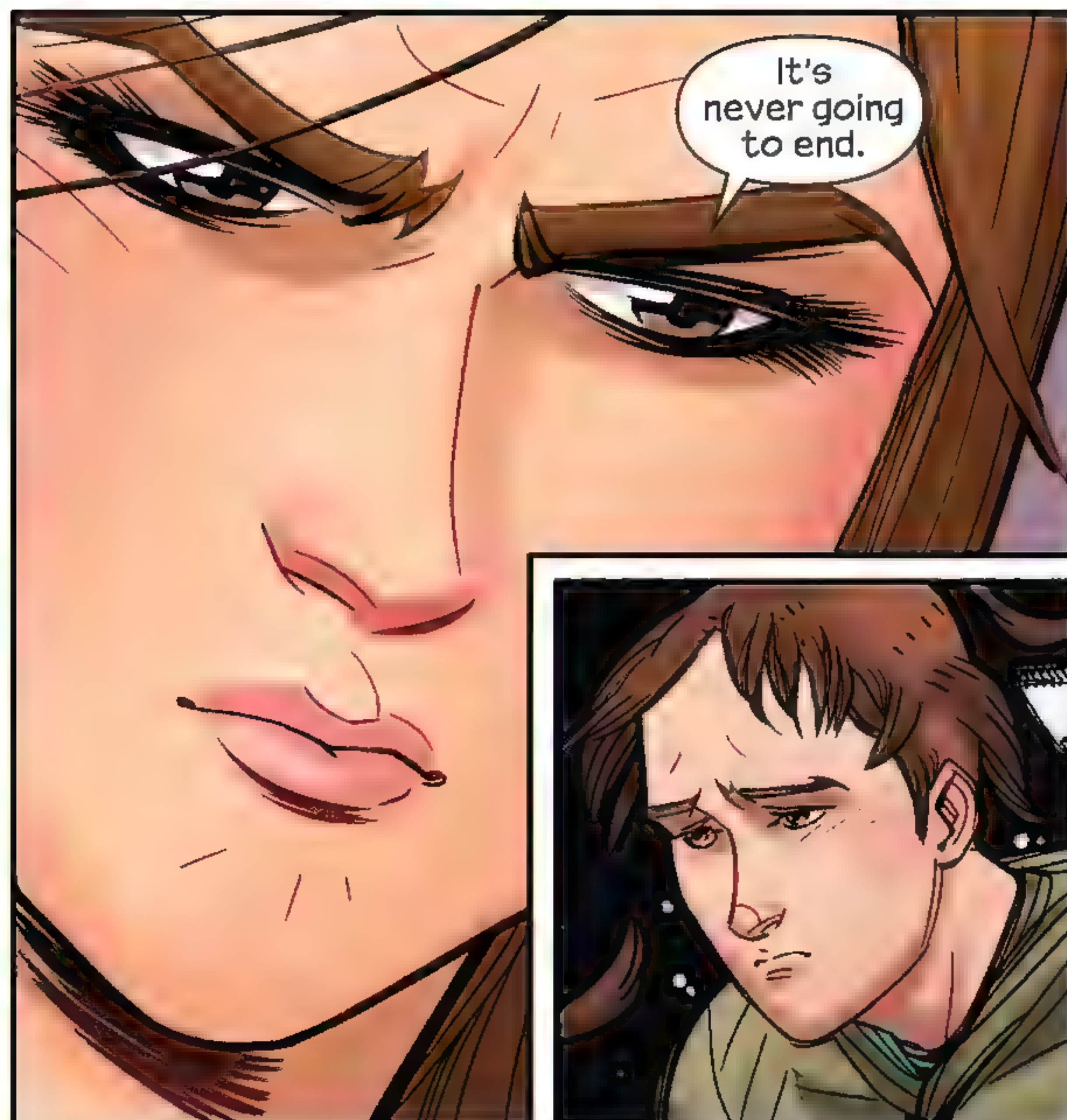
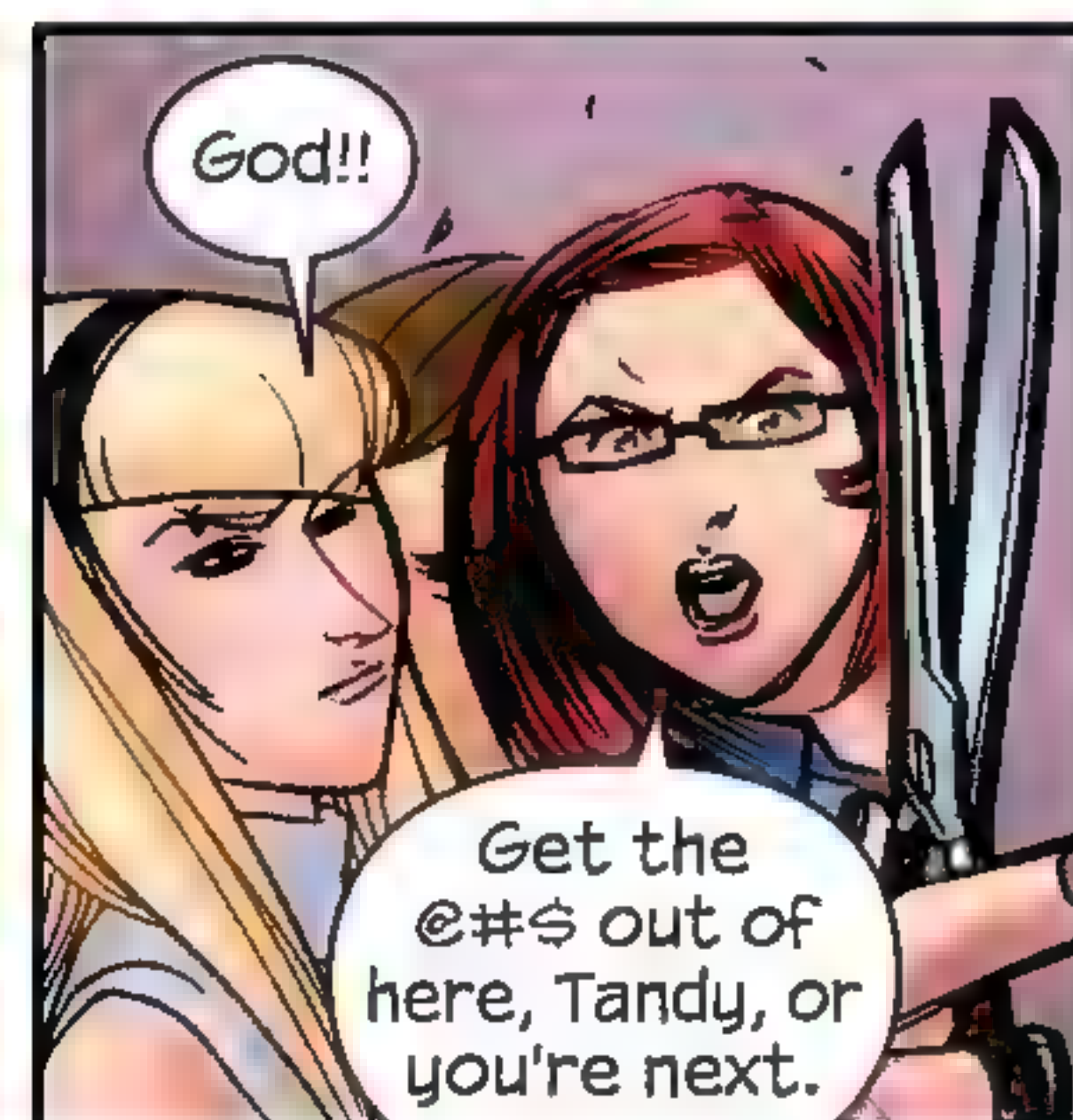
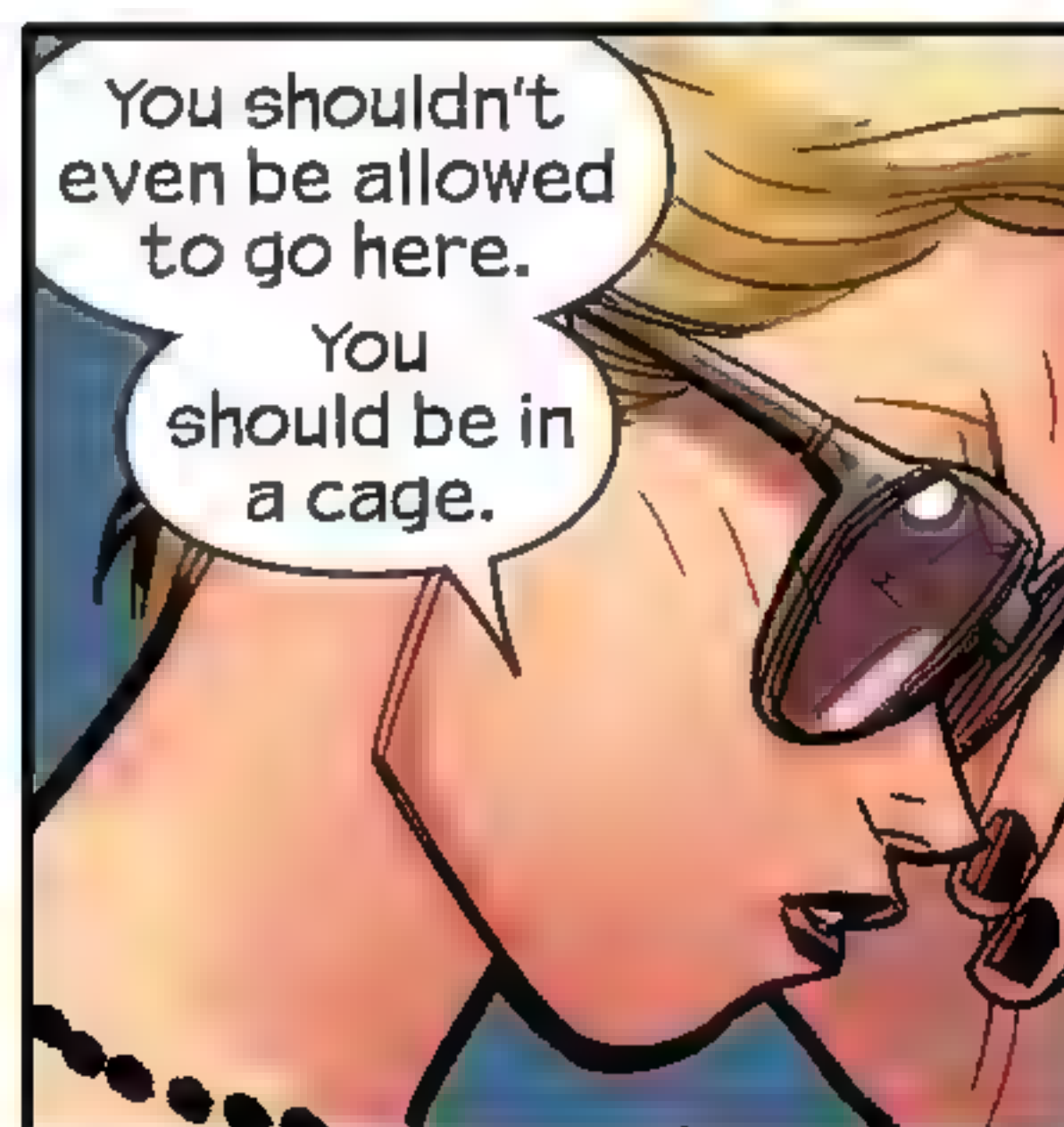
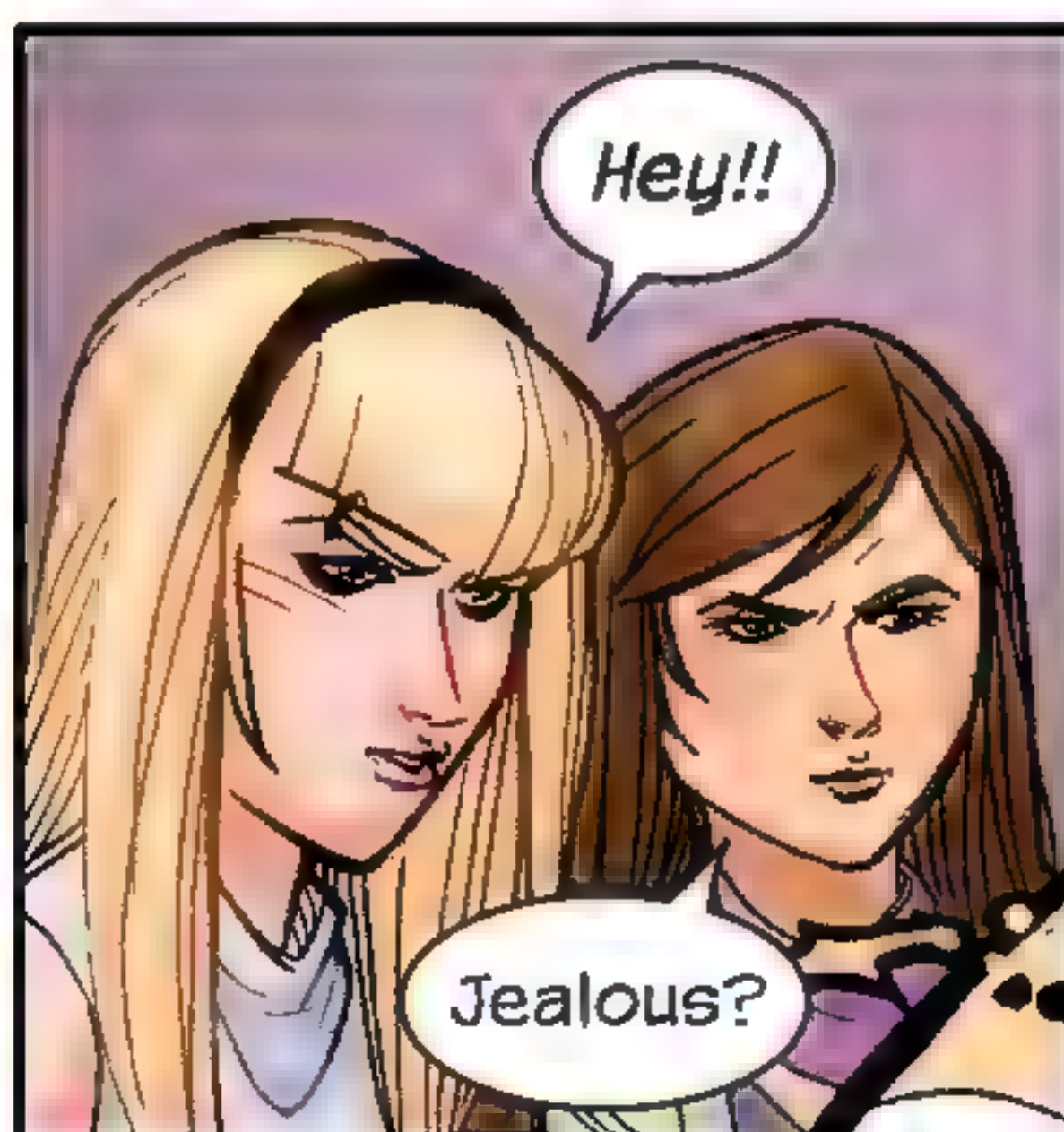
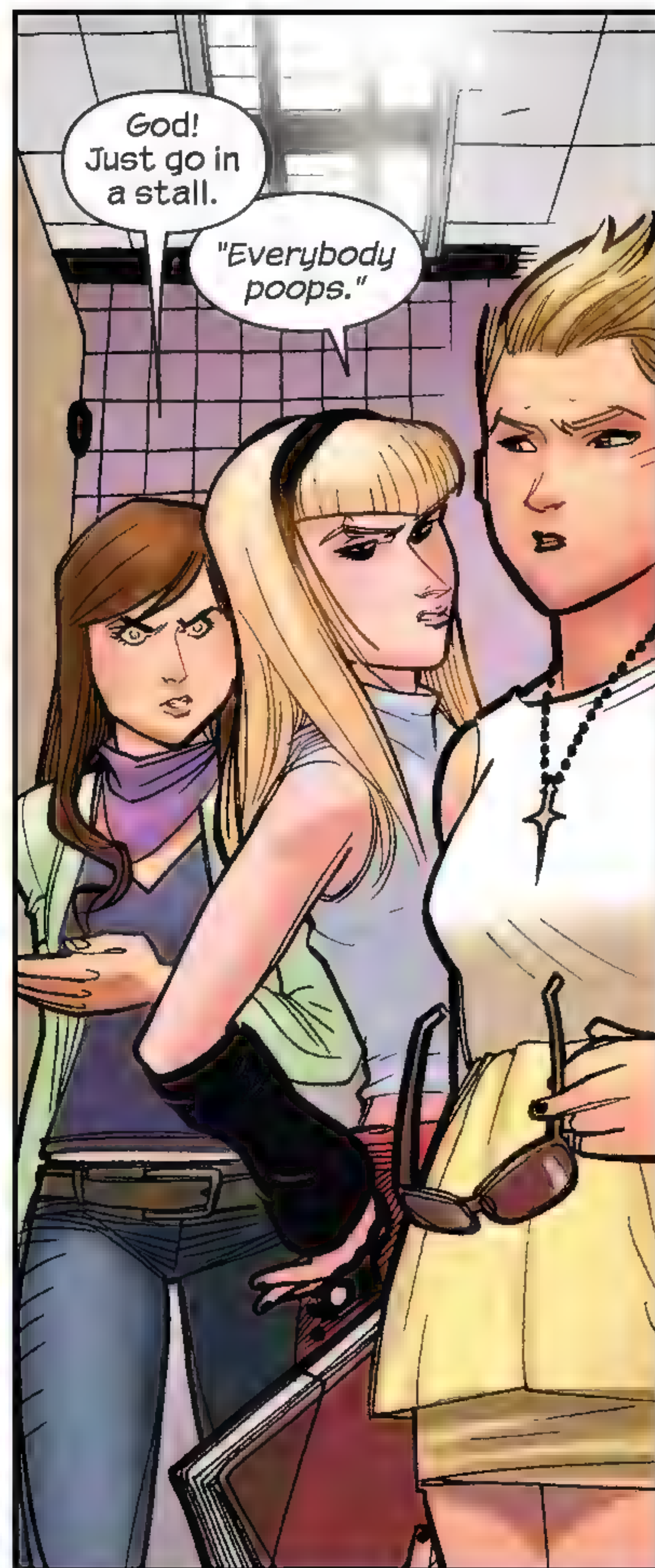
You're round-head Spider-Man.

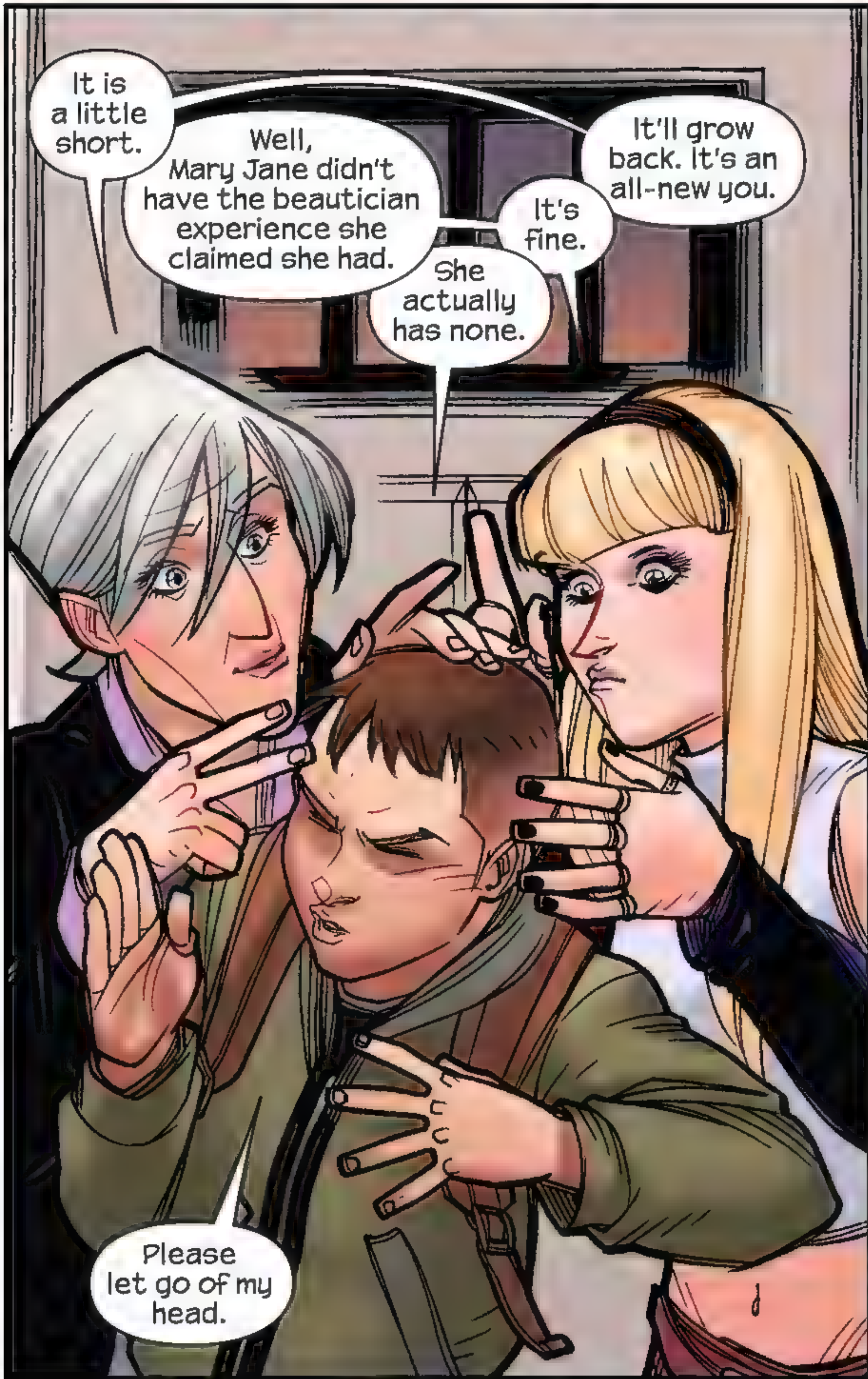
(I didn't realize it was *that* round.)

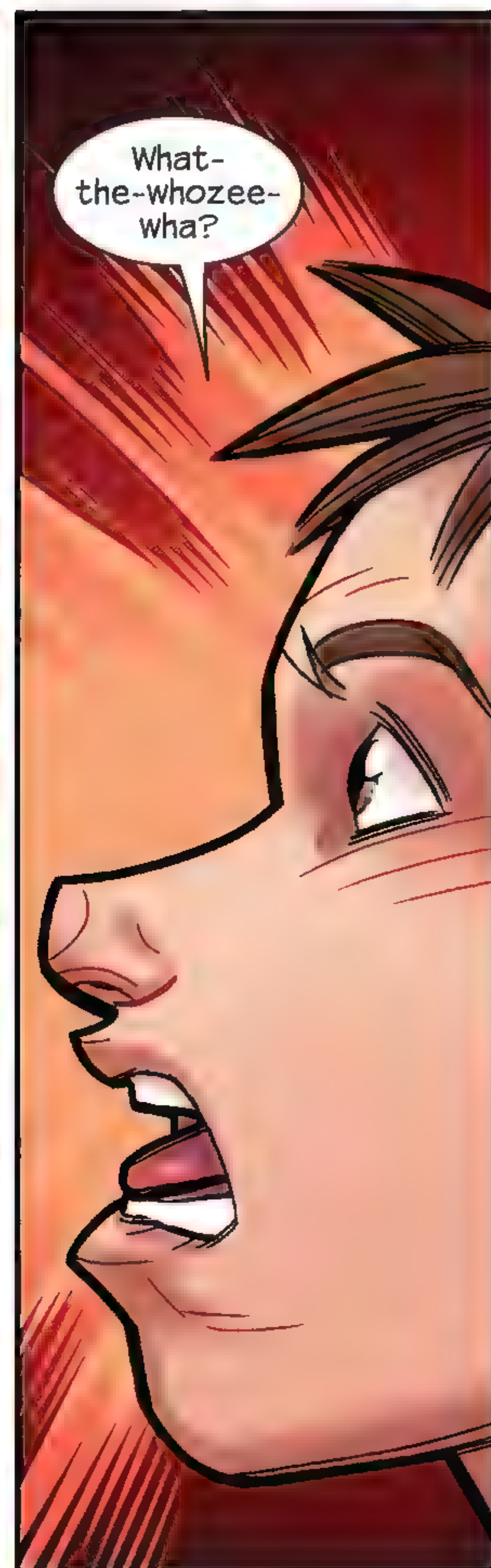
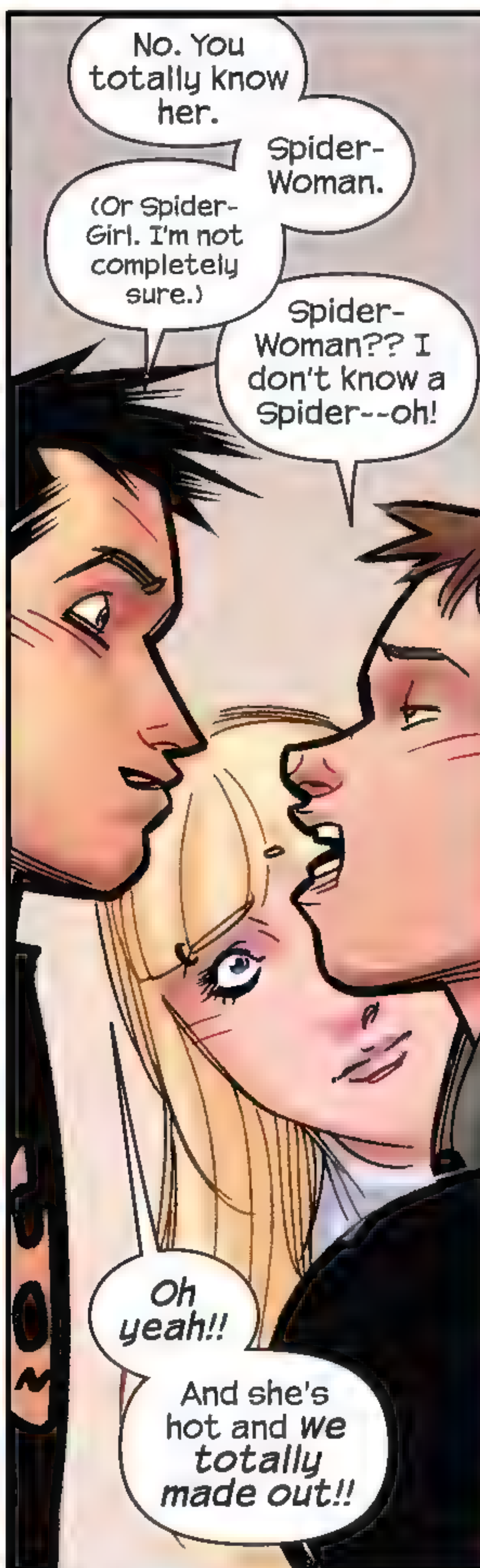
It's round, honey. You look like Charlie Brown.

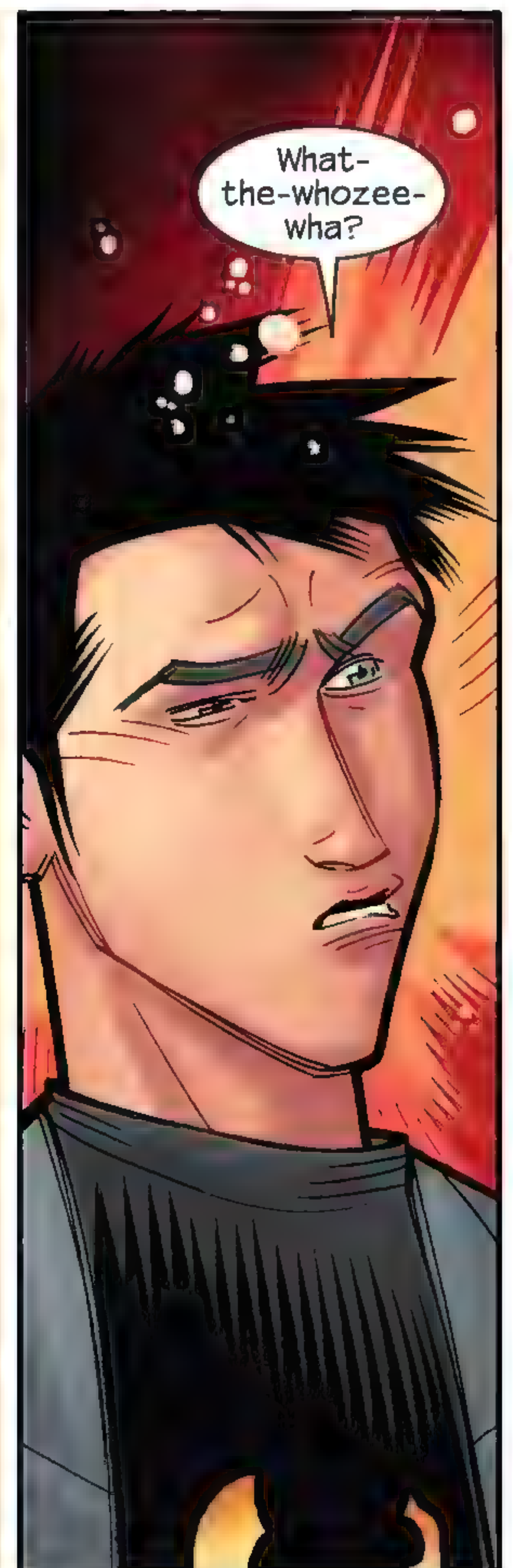
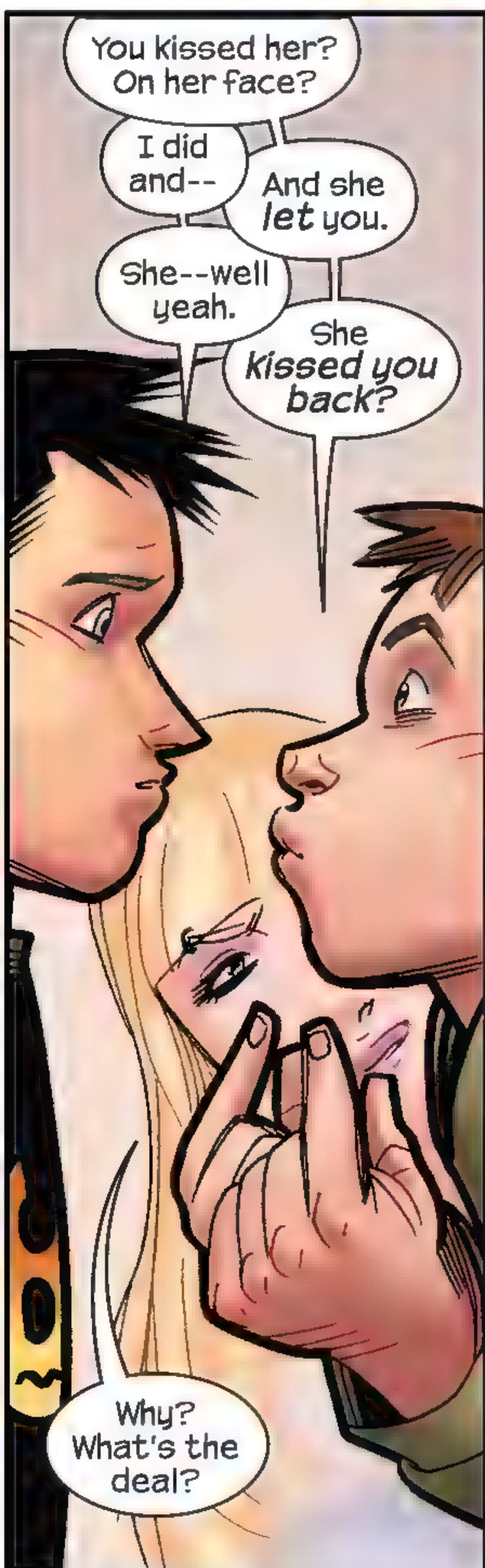
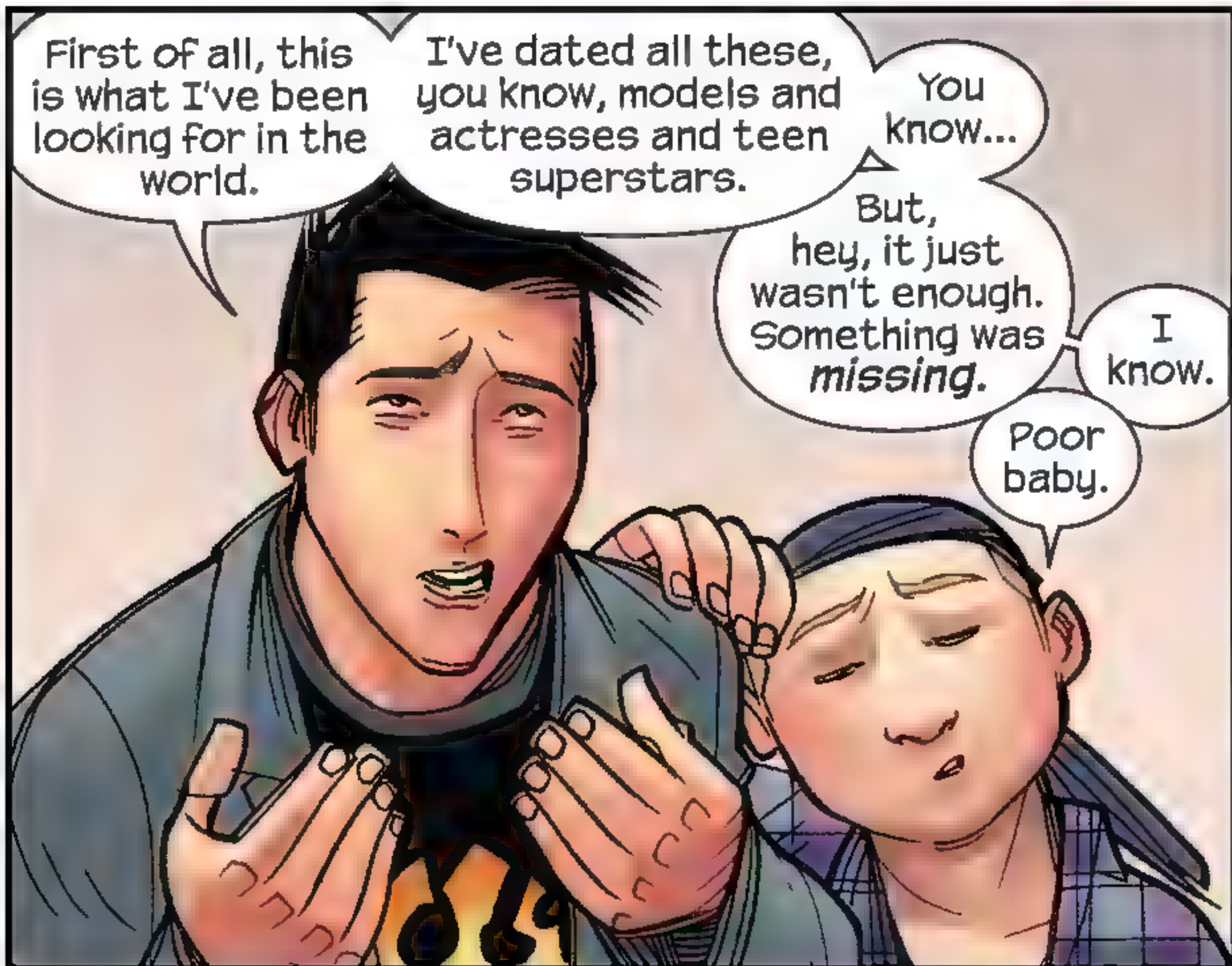
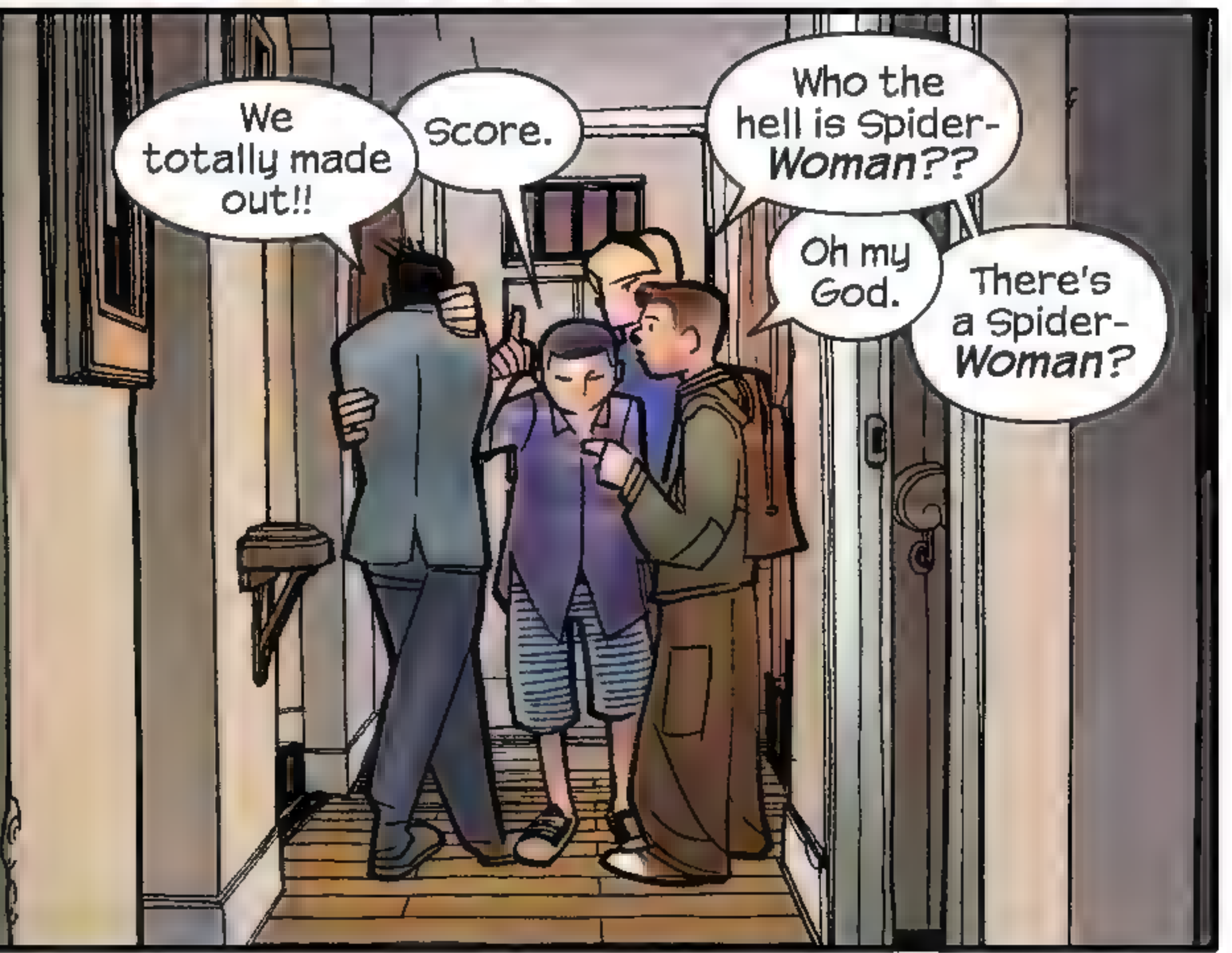
I don't want you three having lunch together anymore.









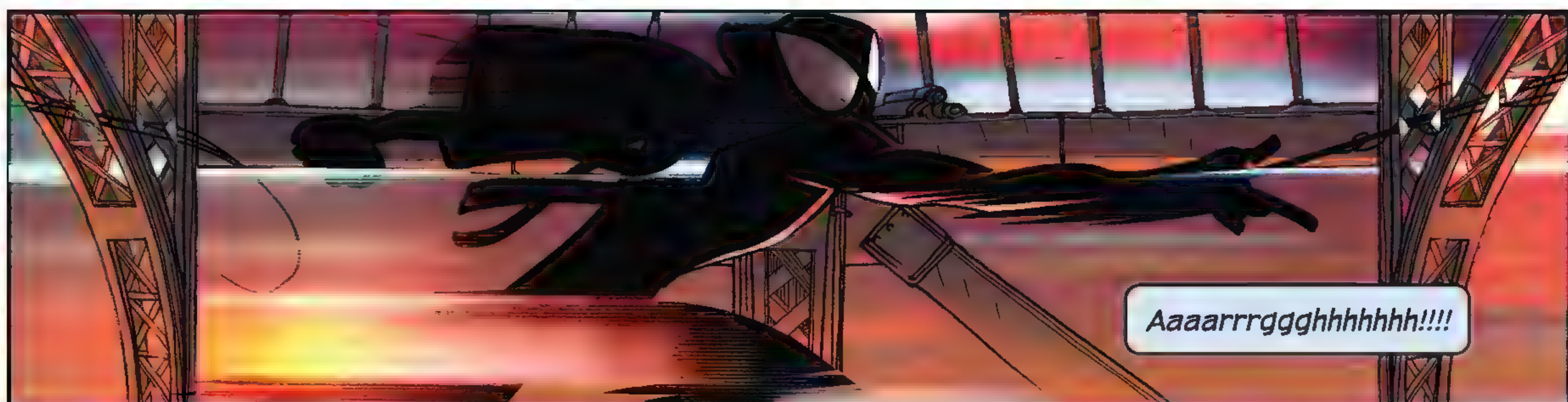




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AAAARRGGGGHHHHHHH!!!!

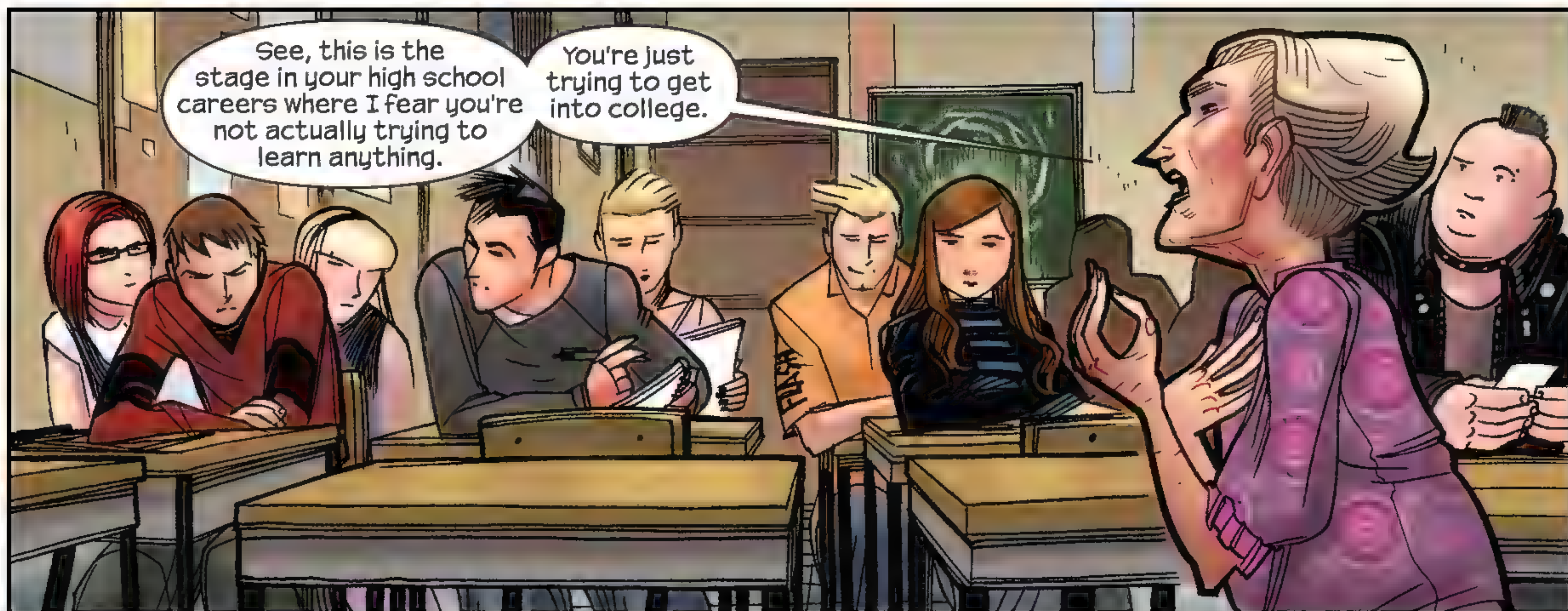


Hmm.

I thought that
would take my mind
off of it and make
me feel better.

Nope.

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See, this is the stage in your high school careers where I fear you're not actually trying to learn anything.

You're just trying to get into college.



And I understand that.

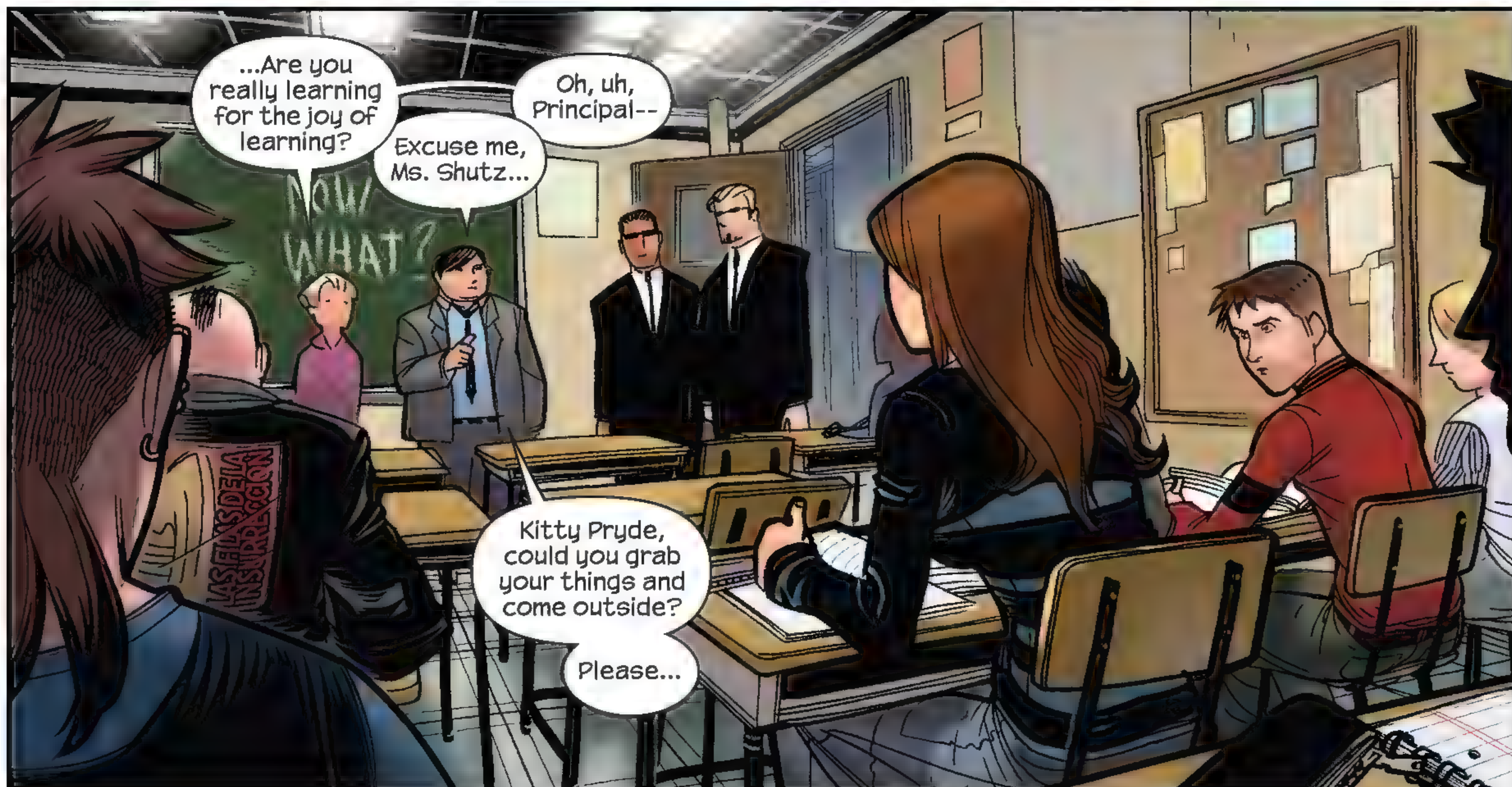
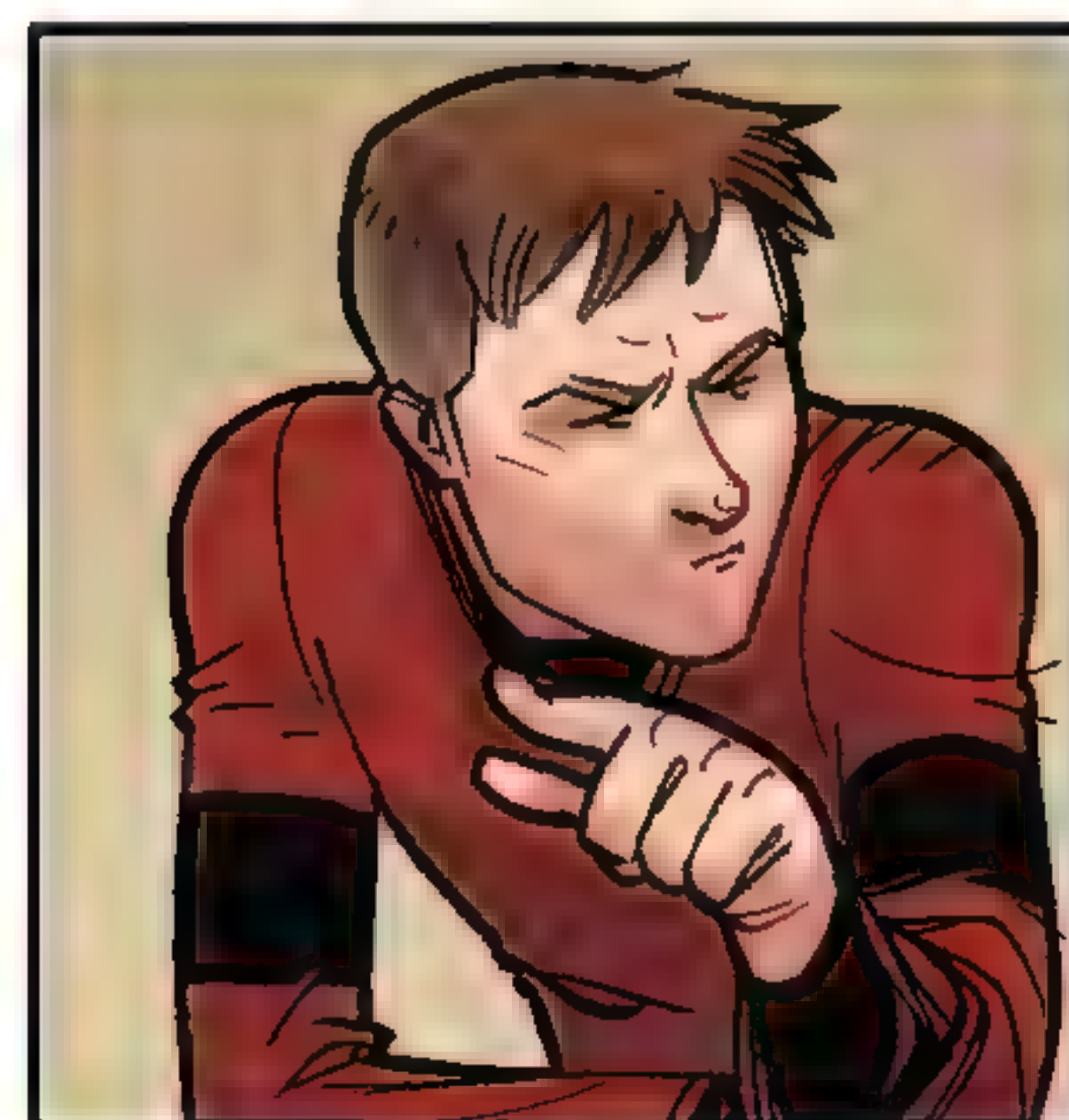
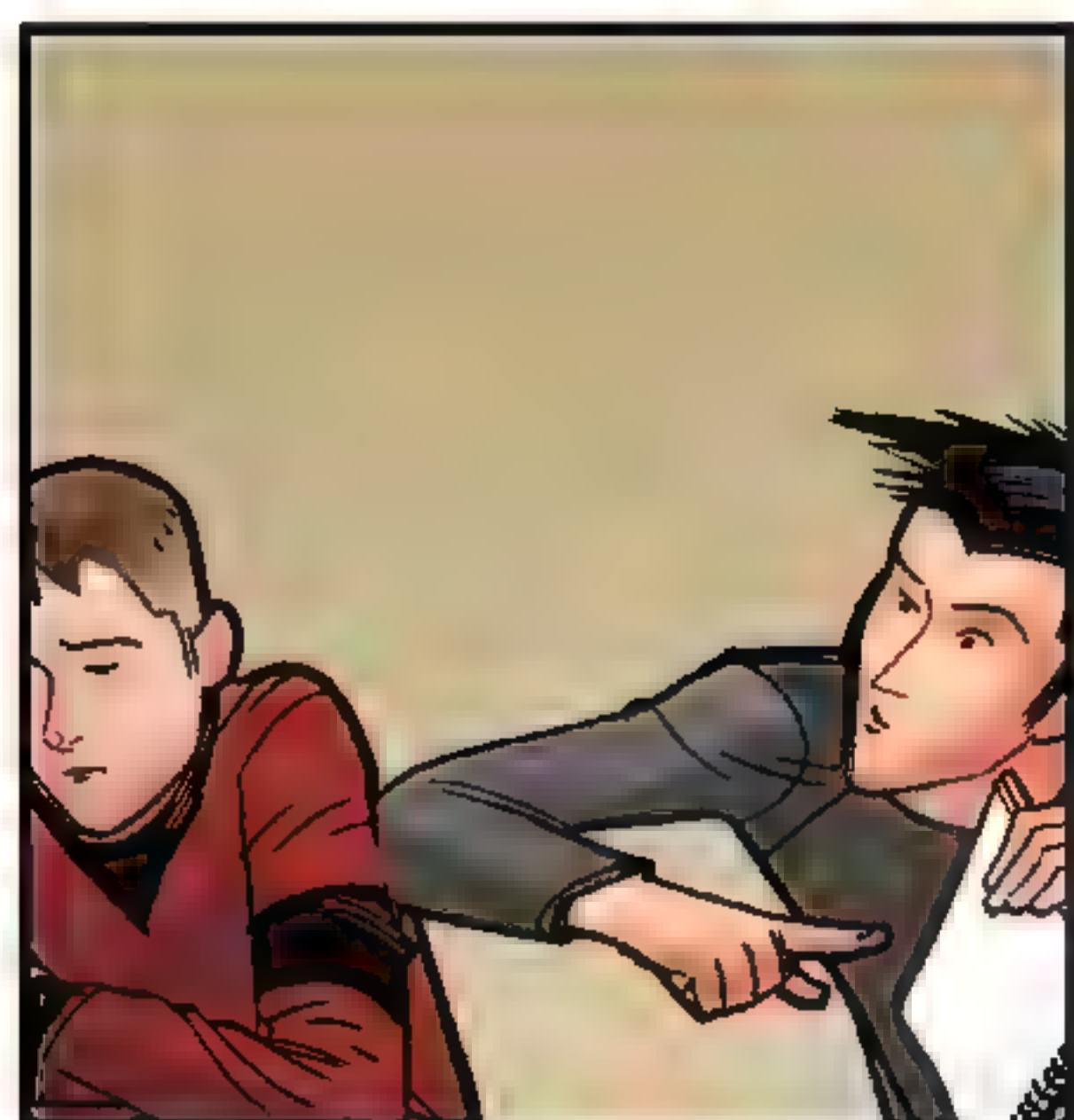
There's a lot of pressure on you. From family. From society, to get into a school.

And some of you don't even know why you want to go to college.

You just think, or know, that you have to. And meanwhile, you're here.

And what are you learning? What are you retaining??

I know you don't know this, but these right here, these are the most formative years of your education...



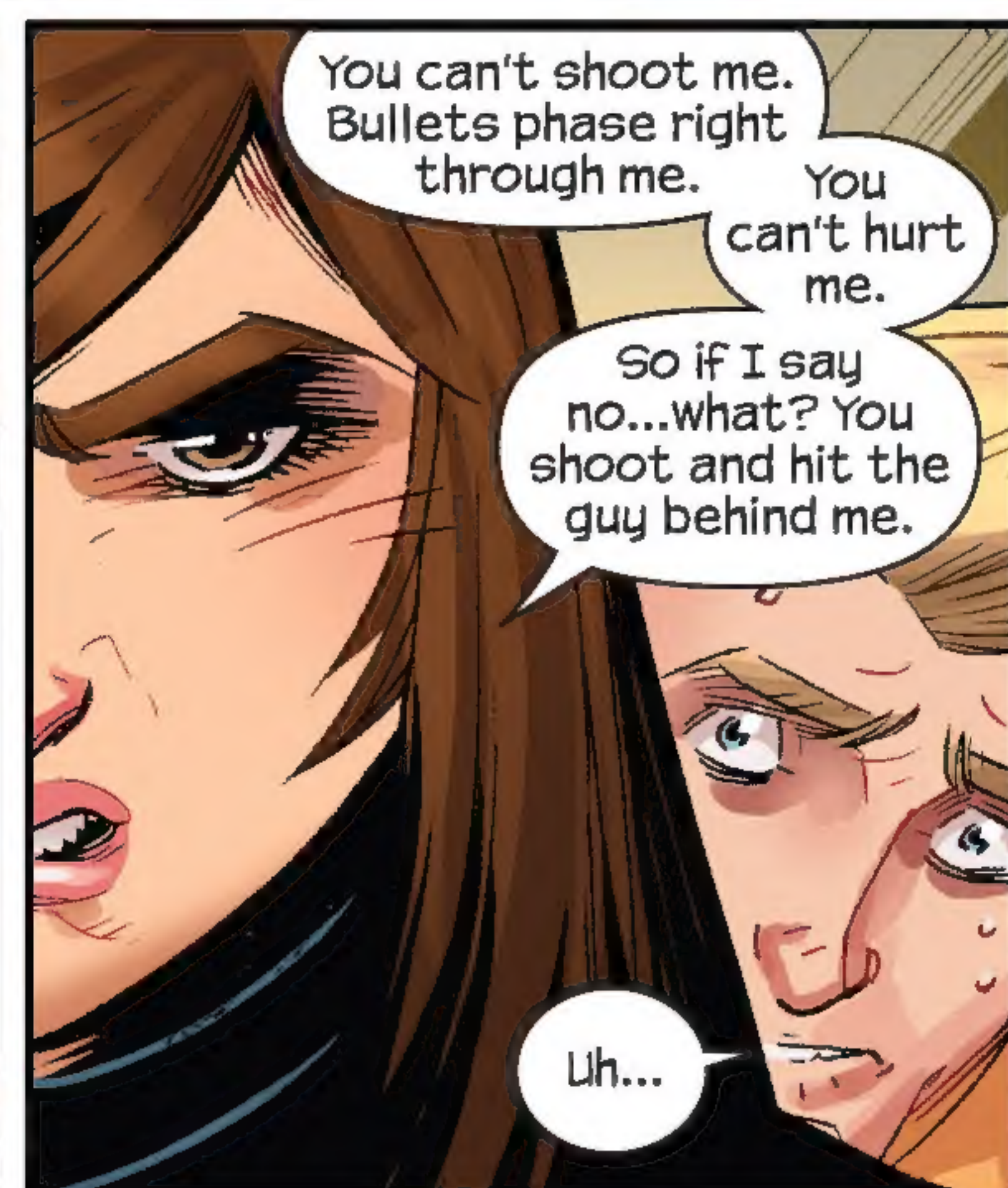
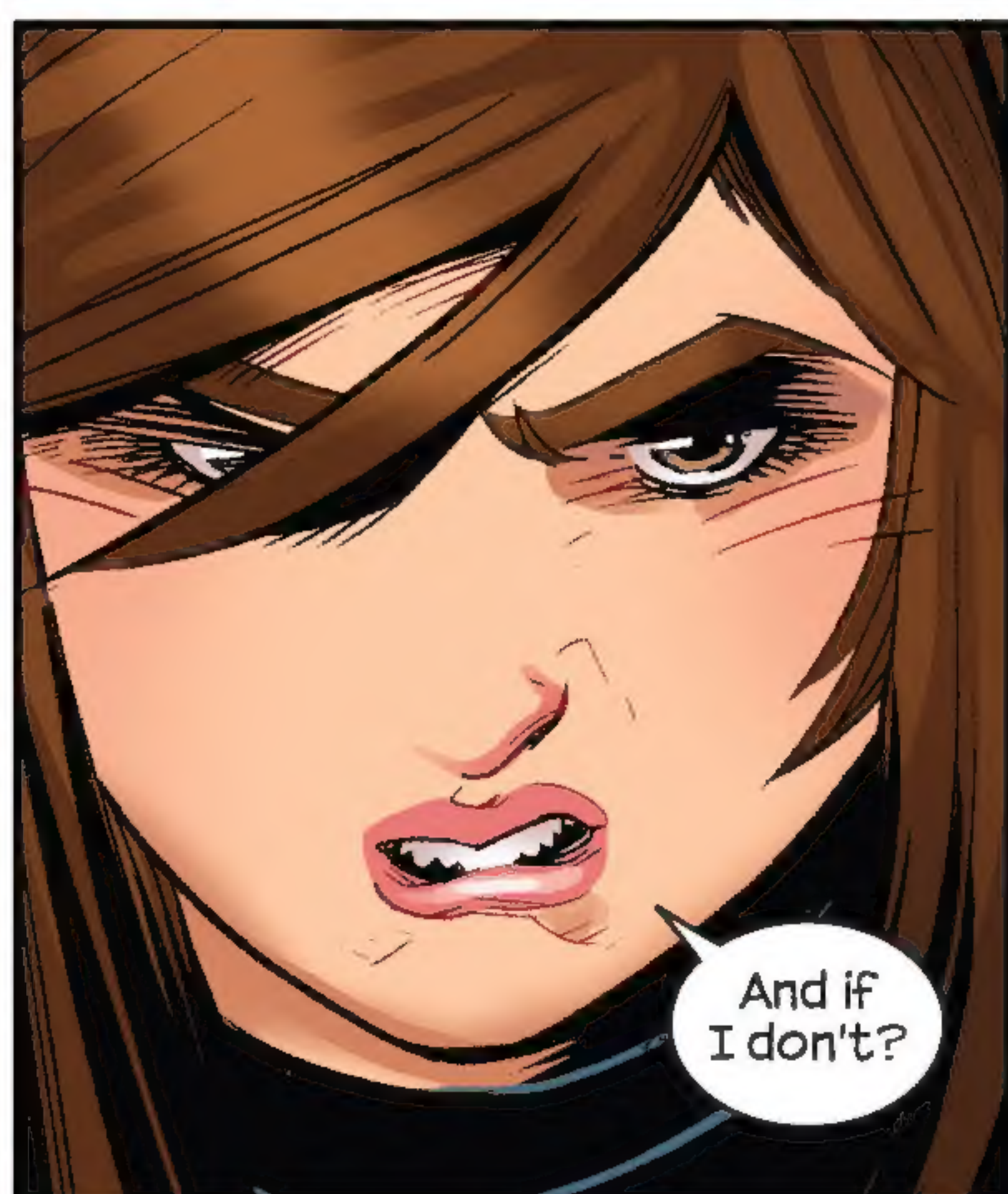
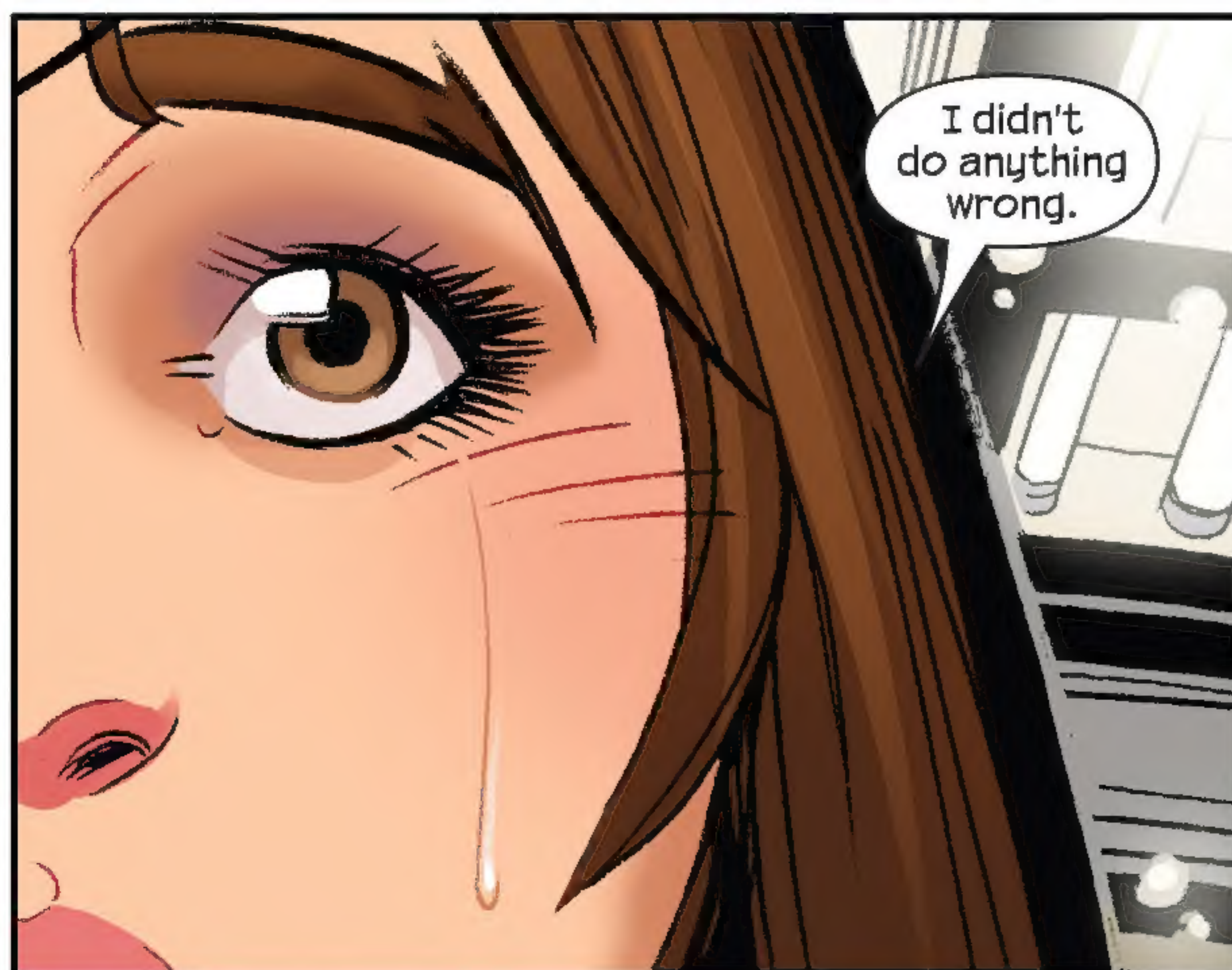
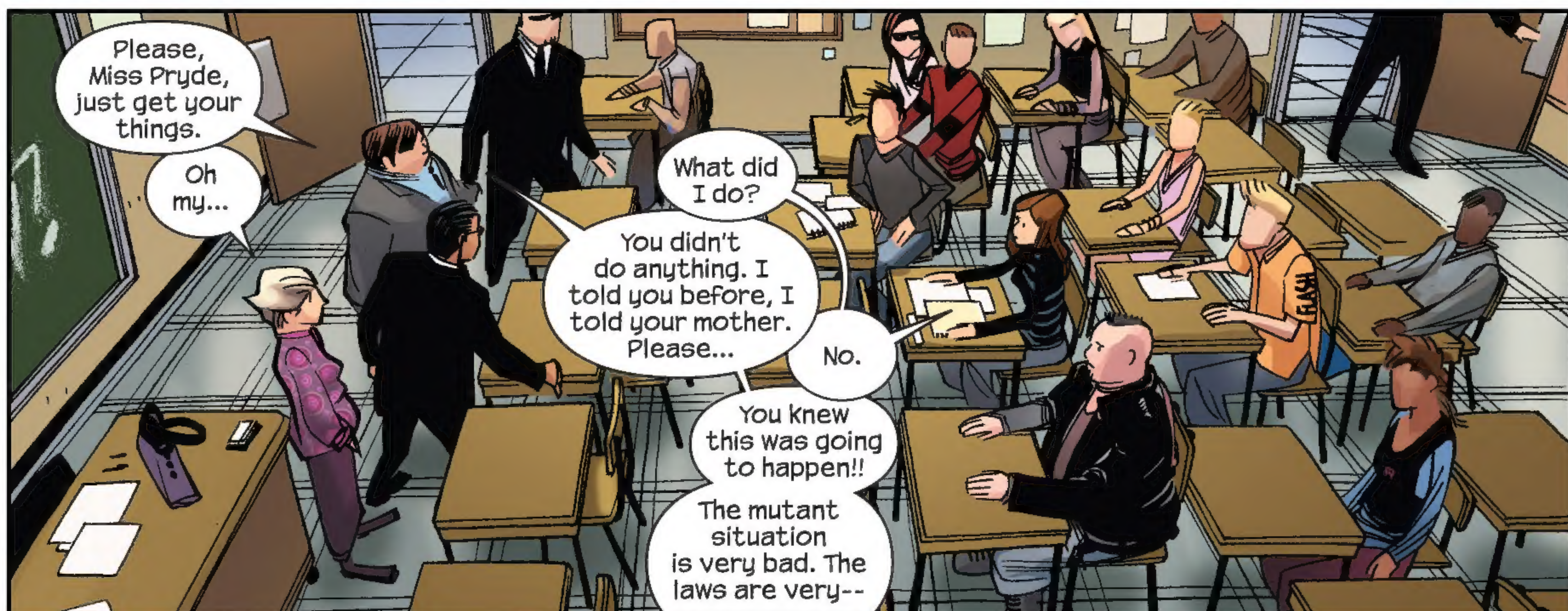
...Are you really learning for the joy of learning?

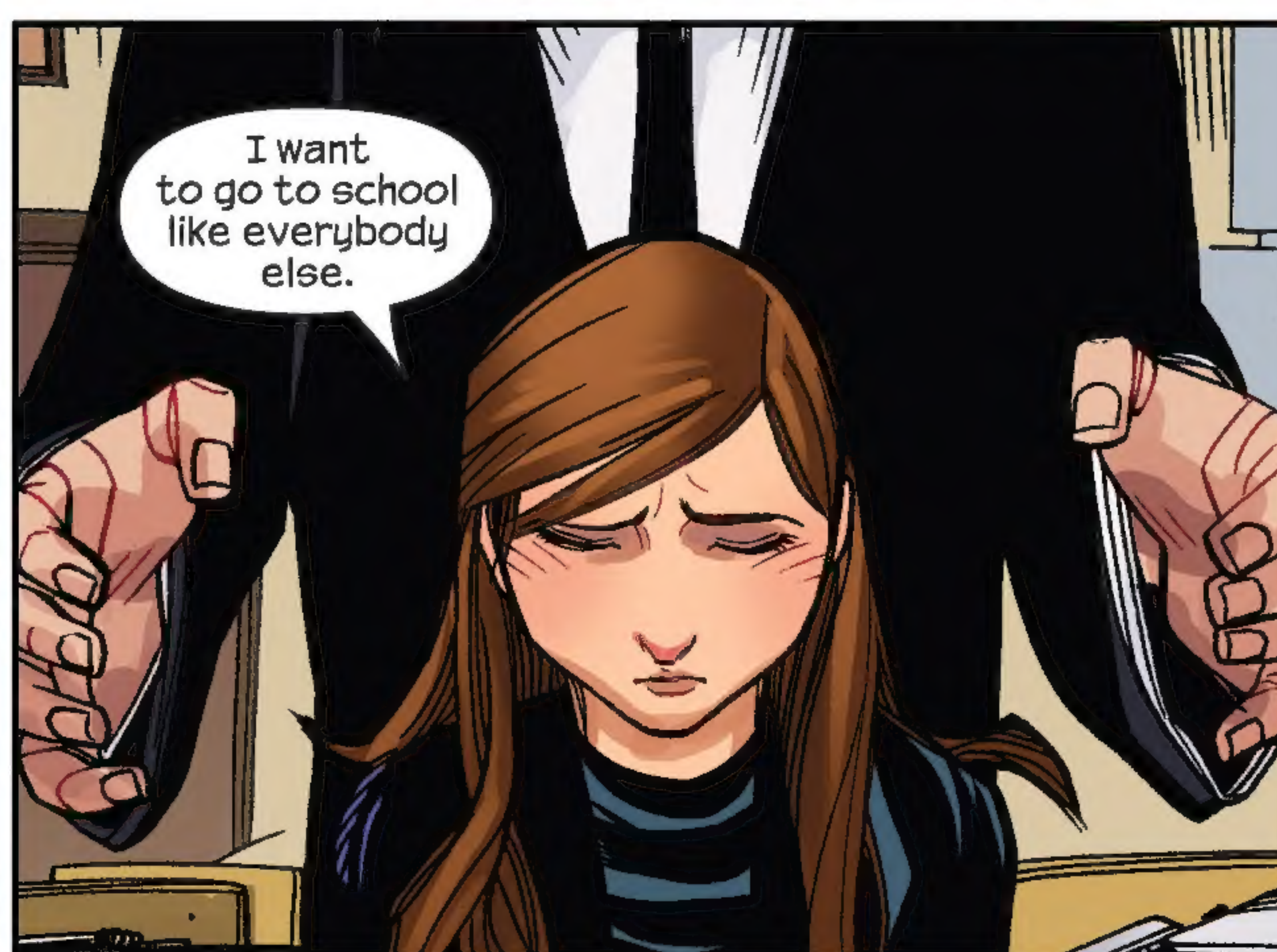
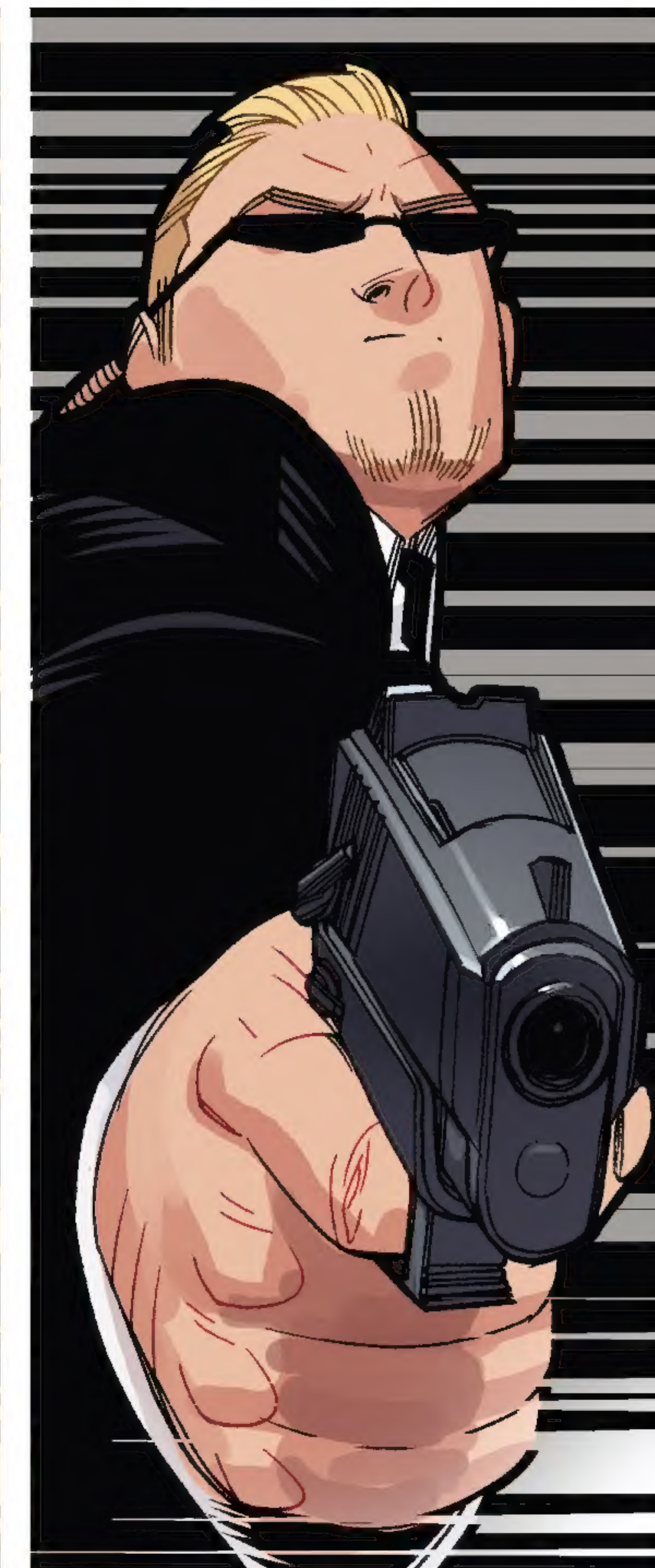
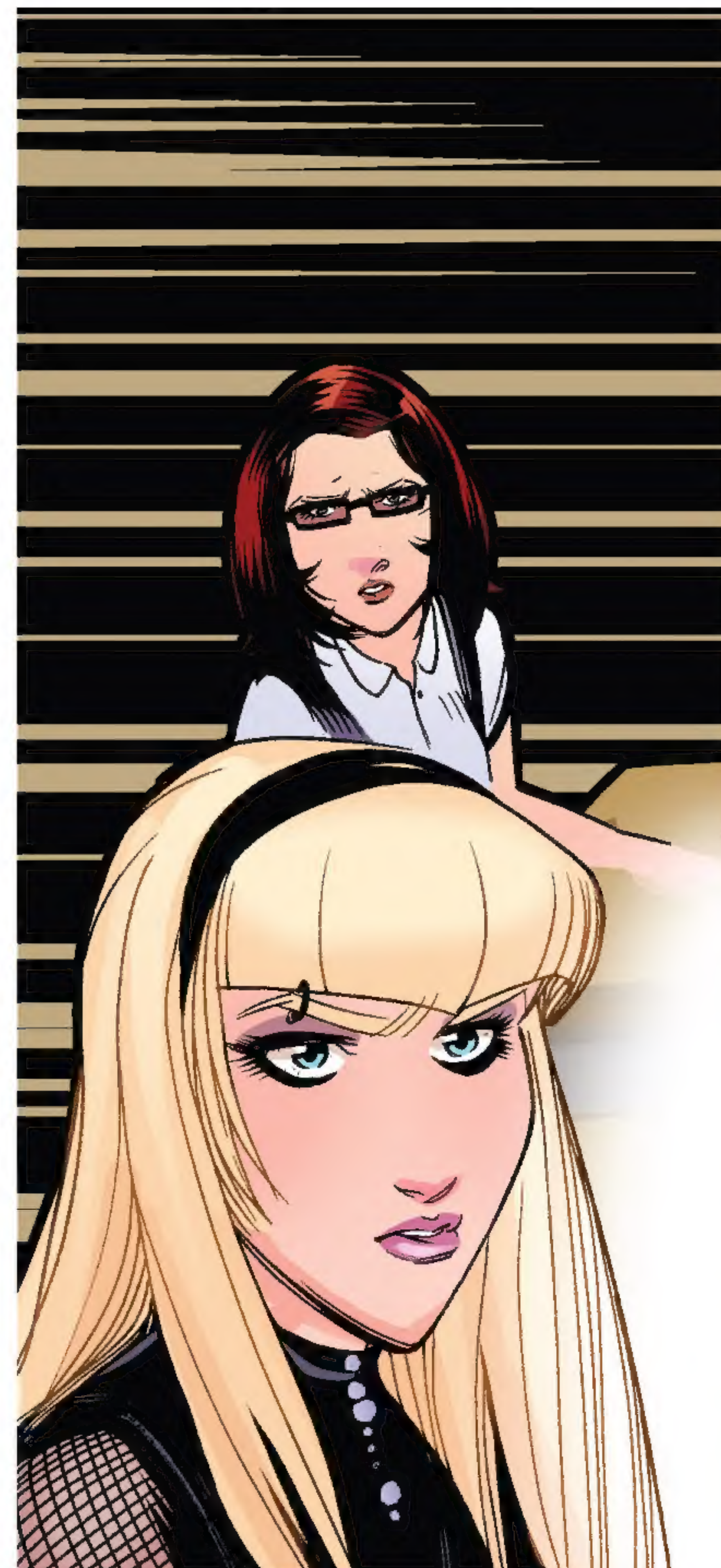
Excuse me, Ms. Shutz...

Oh, uh, Principal--

Kitty Pryde, could you grab your things and come outside?

Please...





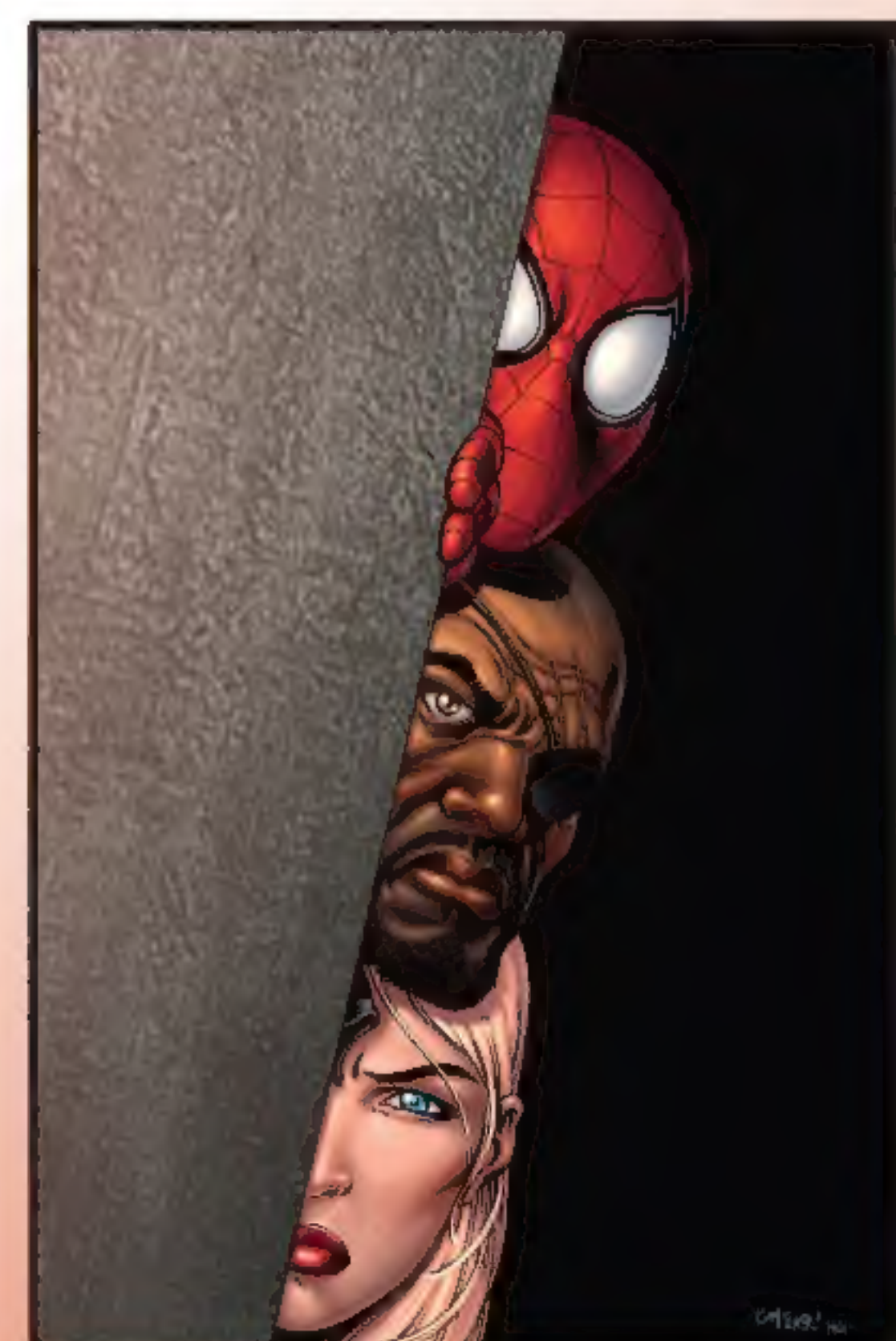
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